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Commons call for Dublin to give up Ryan

Thatcher 'tantrums' taunt by Kinnock

- The Attorney General hopes the Irish authorities will soon agree to extradite Father Patrick Ryan
- Mr Neil Kinnock accused the Prime Minister yesterday of providing terror groups with 'enriched oxygen'
- His optimism is at odds, however, with the expectation of MPs on both sides of the House of Commons
- Father Ryan has threatened to go on hunger strike in the Republic rather than face trial in Britain

By Richard Ford, Philip Webster and Jamie Dettmer

The Government called for a quick and successful response from the Irish Republic yesterday to its request for the extradition of Father Patrick Ryan, the alleged IRA terrorist.

But as it did so, the Prime Minister was accused by Mr Neil Kinnock of providing terrorists with "enriched oxygen" by the way she launched her attacks on the Irish and Belgian governments.

The Labour leader told a press conference at Westminster last night that Mrs Margaret Thatcher's words were more likely to have hindered international co-operation against terrorism than to have helped.

He accused her of using "tantrum language" and of allowing her objective of defeating terrorism to be obscured by her "taste for melodrama".

Earlier in the Commons, Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Attorney General, said that as the Irish authorities had not raised queries on the extradition warrants, he hoped for a "speedy and favourable" decision by the republic's Attorney General.

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He outlined in detail the legal moves made to bring Father Ryan to Britain and said the Metropolitan Police had been told by the Garda that no action was to be taken until the Irish Attorney General had spoken to him. "No complaint, or even query, has been raised about the sufficiency or propriety of any documentation which is before the Irish Attorney General."

However, on both sides of the Commons there is little real expectation that Father Ryan will leave the Republic, given the political controversy surrounding the case and growing opposition there to extradition.

Sir Patrick's plea came as the priest, in a monastery recovering from a 22-day hunger strike, said he would starve to death in the Republic rather than be extradited to face trial in Britain for alleged terrorist offences.

In his first interview since the extradition crisis began, Father Ryan told *The Tipperary Star*: "If I have to go on hunger and thirst strike again, I will do so. But I will not be returned alive to face a British tribunal."

Mr Kinnock made his attack as Mrs Thatcher left for the European Council Summit in Rhodes, where she will meet Mr Charles Haughey, the Irish Republic's Prime Minister, *this morning*.

Mr Kinnock said: "It is a great pity that the Prime Minister chose to use tantrum language to express herself about countries with whom we have a long record of partnership against terrorism. Prime Ministerial histrionics are not a satisfactory basis for Government action, especially on issues as vital as combating terrorism.

"Repeatedly Margaret Thatcher lets the main objective of securing and improving co-operation, which is essential to isolating and defeating terrorism, be obscured by her taste for melo*drama. She seems not* to understand the necessity of strictly applying the rule of law in every democratic state in order to deprive terrorism of the sentimental support which comes when the supporters of terrorism can claim that the rules have been bent."

The only gainers from such reactions were terrorists, because they could make the claim that changes in anti-terrorist laws such as the broadcasting ban were made because their intimidation was succeeding. They had to be fought from the front and separated from the community, but the actions that were being taken did not succeed in that.

Mr Kinnock was asked whether he was suggesting that Mrs Thatcher was sustaining terrorism. He replied: "She is inadvertently – she could not be doing it deliberately – providing them with enriched oxygen, the very stuff of life she says she wants to take away from them."

Mr Kinnock's attack came amid signs of unease among sources at the Northern Ireland Office and Conservative MPs over the force of the Prime Minister's reaction.

The Labour leader said the language used by Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, and the Attorney General, was a great deal more measured than that from the Prime Minister.

He was in favour of Father Ryan's extradition, but said Mrs Thatcher's comments had strengthened the view that if the priest were extra-

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RUC sees man named as plotter

By Jamie Dettmer

An Irish Republican whom Scotland Yard wanted to question in 1983 over an alleged IRA plot to kill Mrs Margaret Thatcher and other politicians during the general election campaign is being interviewed by the RUC after walking into a Kent police station on Wednesday.

Sean O'Callaghan, aged 34, a former Sinn Fein councillor from Tralee, Co Kerry, walked into Tunbridge Wells police station and was transferred to Castlereagh Prison in Northern Ireland. The RUC is questioning him in connection with offences in Ulster. O'Callaghan, who left Tralee in November 1985, had telephoned an Irish newspaper to say he was taking the action in the hope of dispelling rumours in his home town that he had become a police informer.

When he was named by Scotland Yard O'Callaghan denied being in Britain during the election. He said that he had lived in Britain for a few years but had left in 1978.

He was detained by Irish police when the IRA gun-running trawler Marita Ann was seized in 1984 but released without charge.

In 1985, he won a Sinn Fein seat on Tralee council but vanished a few months later with his English girlfriend and his baby daughter.

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BS confidence

Government advisers are confident the share offer for the £2 billion British Steel will be fully subscribed when it closes at 10am today after a late flurry of applications from private investors..... Page 25

Top score draw

West Ham United and Aston Villa, the two highest scorers in the fourth round of the Littlewoods Cup, will meet in the fifth round at Upton Park..... Page 44

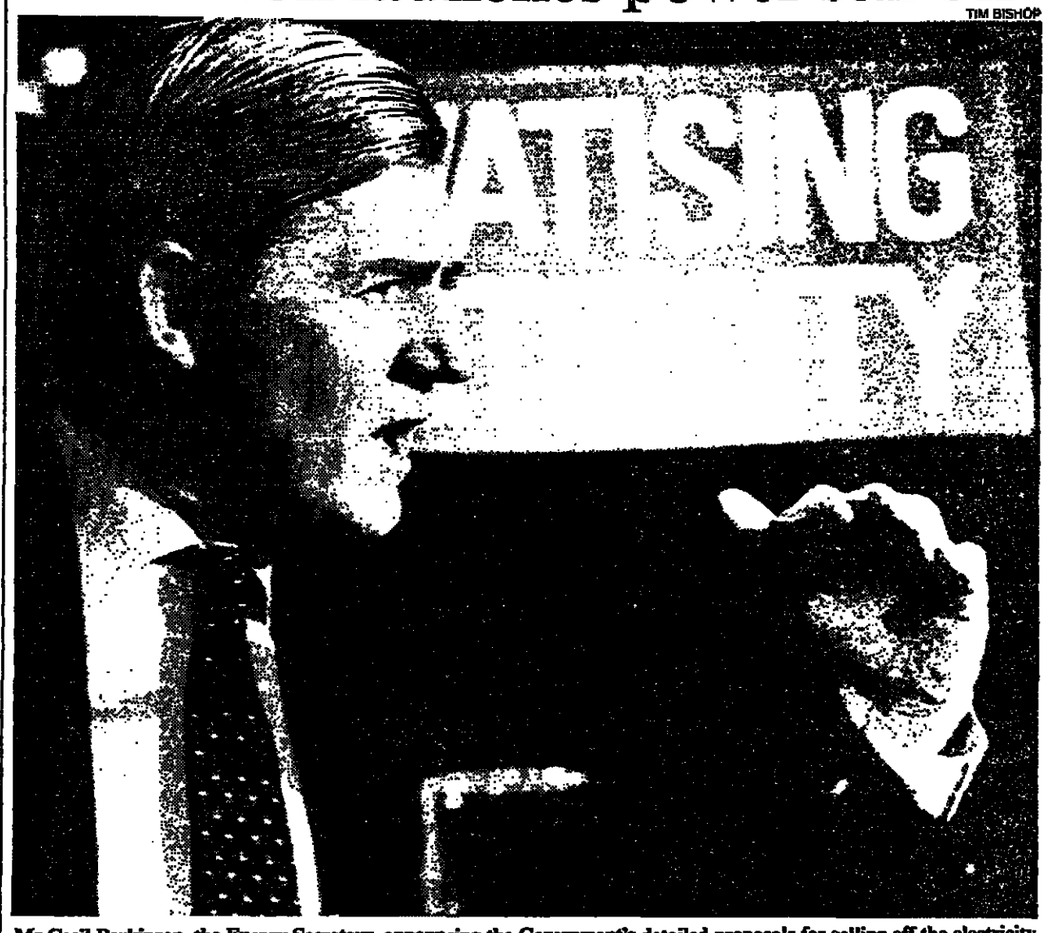
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Parkinson launches power sell-off

TIM BISHOP



Mr Cecil Parkinson, the Energy Secretary, announcing the Government's detailed proposals for selling off the electricity industry yesterday. The industry would be sold on the stock market early in 1991 but the price has yet to be settled.

Sale of electricity industry 'will eventually force down prices'

By David Young, Energy Correspondent, and Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

A new era of competition in the electricity industry, which could eventually force prices downwards, was heralded yesterday by Mr Cecil Parkinson, *Secretary of State for Energy*, as he unveiled the Government's detailed plans for what is expected to be the biggest-ever privatization sale.

The sell-off means customers will be compensated for bad service by their local electricity company and the Government will soon launch a major campaign to persuade customers to also become shareholders.

Mr Parkinson said the Government was on target to sell the power industry on the stock market early in 1991 but added that the price had yet to be settled.

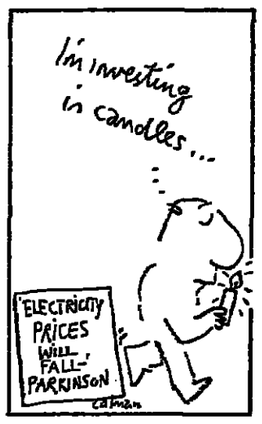
He dismissed as "fantasy" *predictions that the Government* would raise as much as £20 billion, but there is little doubt the final figure will be in that region. The sale will test the City's ability to digest such a large privatization issue as well as the public's enthusiasm for the sale.

Mr Parkinson defended the Government's committment to nuclear power, which means the power supply companies in a privatized industry will have to take a percentage of electricity generated from *non-fossil – effectively nuclear* – sources.

He said there was no reason to suggest that such a move would mean any price rise. It would allow the consumer for the first time to see what the true cost of nuclear power was, instead of having its cost buried in the existing tariff arrangements, under which the area electricity boards buy power from the Central Electricity Generating Board.

Opposition parties yesterday launched a sustained onslaught against the electricity Bill. Labour condemned it as a "great leap in the dark" and warned of higher costs for consumers. The Democrats called it a "blatant distortion of the market".

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The Government's business managers are conceding privately that the Bill faces a lengthy and difficult passage, with Conservative MPs certain to raise reservations about particular aspects.

The determined but unsuccessful campaign against privatization by Lord Marshall of Goring, the CEGB chairman, is said by the Conservative whips to have had an impact on several Tory MPs. Their concerns are likely to be reflected when the Bill goes into committee.

The onslaught yesterday was led by Mr Tony Blair, the shadow energy secretary. He accused the Government of a dereliction of duty for failing to spell out what the Bill would mean in extra costs to the consumer, and of failing to say how much the "nuclear tax" to pay for the costs of waste disposal would be.

He said: "It will mean rising prices, a nuclear tax, a long-term insecurity of supply and it will do nothing whatever to promote energy conservation. It is one of the most foolish and inconceived measures to have come before the Commons." Mr Blair said it contained no answers to many important questions.

"It is a skeleton Bill – the meat will be in the various licences, regulations and contracts to follow.

Prices would rise after privatization, Mr Blair said, because of the need to cover the new owners' profits and share dividends. Britain's electricity costs had moved four places up an international league table because of recent price rises designed to "fatten up" *the industry for privatization.*

Leaders clash on RPI mortgage-link

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

The Prime Minister, in repeated clashes with Mr Neil Kinnock yesterday, appeared to leave open the possibility of an eventual government move to remove mortgage interest payments from the Retail Price Index calculation.

Ministers have emphasized *that Britain is one of the few* countries to include mortgage interest payments in the inflation calculation.

On Tuesday Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, confirmed that without that element inflation would be 5.1 per cent instead of 6.4 per cent.

Mrs Thatcher stuck firmly to the line that there were "no immediate proposals" to have the mortgage element removed when Mr Kinnock asked if she agreed with the Chancellor that mortgage interest payments should be omitted.

Mrs Thatcher fuelled the speculation, however, by adding that the inclusion of mortgage payments "obscures the underlying trend".

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Bill to end prejudice at work

By Tim Jones

The Government yesterday moved to end discrimination in the workplace by publishing an Employment Bill aimed at giving genuine equality of opportunity for men and women.

The Bill which, for example, will enable women to become miners, recognizes their growing importance in the labour market and gives them the right to statutory redundancy payments up to the same age as men.

But major clauses in the Bill were attacked by both the Labour Party and the TUC. Mr Michael Meacher, Shadow Employment spokesman, was highly critical of the proposal to end restrictions on the working hours of the young.

Mr John Monks, deputy general secretary of the TUC, described the Bill as "a charter for the bad employer"

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Kremlin apologies for reform mix-up

Moscow (AP) – The Supreme Soviet, the nearest that the Kremlin has to a national parliament, yesterday adopted President Gorbachov's overhaul of the country's political structure in a near-unanimous vote after he apologized for inadequately explaining the proposal at its introduction five weeks ago.

Five deputies out of 1,500 voted against the package of constitutional amendments, which gives more power to the president and provides for indirect election of the president and lawmakers.

Greater opposition had been expected, since deputies had requested numerous changes in the complex package. But the handful of votes against was a rarity in the Supreme Soviet, which has dutifully rubberstamped the wishes of the Kremlin leadership for decades. The first "no" votes came just a month ago. President Gorbachov told the deputies that a storm of controversy over the reform package – including 250,000 letters to the Kremlin – could have been reduced, and he took the blame.

He said that "we did not care about explaining the essence, the meaning" of the changes. Mr Gorbachov admitted: "The centre was just following the old practice, *thinking, well, 'they' would get*

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used to it. That is why I reiterate that all of us are now learning our lessons. All of us are in a school of democracy, and we should be good pupils in that school."

Soviet newspapers first published the draft language of the complex revisions to 117 articles of the Constitution and election law in late October. The changes were not explained at the time, nor was it

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Businesswoman denies crossbow killing charge



Miss Diana Maw: Killed instantly outside flat.

By Mark Souster

A businesswoman was remanded in custody yesterday until December 8, charged with the crossbow killing of Miss Diana Maw.

Miss Jane Salveson, aged 35, a design consultant, of Aynhoe Road, Brook Green, West Kensington, west London, was arrested and charged on Wednesday night after an identification parade at Ealing Police Station.

Ealing Magistrates Court was told that Miss Salveson was the girl friend of Miss Maw's boy friend before the relationship broke up earlier this year.

Mr Brian Raymond, for Miss Salveson, said his client "emphatically and categorically" denied any involvement in this "horrible murder". However, her bail application was rejected by Mr Frank Palmer, chairman of the magistrates, sitting with two other magistrates.

Miss Maw, aged 36, a management executive, was found dead on July 20 outside her £130,000 flat in Stanley Court, Ealing, with a six-inch crossbow bolt in her head. The court was told the bolt had severed her spinal column. She died instantly in what the police said was a million-to-one shot.

Detective Inspector Stuart Bulger, of the Ealing police, said: " This offence revolves to a large extent around the behaviour or history of this defendant in the months leading up to this murder".

He said it was feared Miss Salveson might commit further offences, specifically against her former boy friend. He said she had deliberately kept observation on him and Miss Maw and had visited both of them several times. Miss Salveson had behaved in a jealous and irrational manner over the loss of her boy friend to the victim, Mr Bulger said.

He said the police had consulted a Home Office psychologist and it was felt "there may also be a real fear for the safety of her ex-boy friend at her hands if she is granted bail."

However, Mr Bulger admitted under questioning by Mr Raymond that the psychologist had not seen Miss Salveson but had relied upon police evidence.

Mr Bulger said she could also interfere with some of the 300 witnesses interviewed by the police, many of them friends, colleagues and workmates of Miss Salveson, some of whom had detailed "her bizarre actions, state of

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TOMORROW IN COLOUR

Forever young



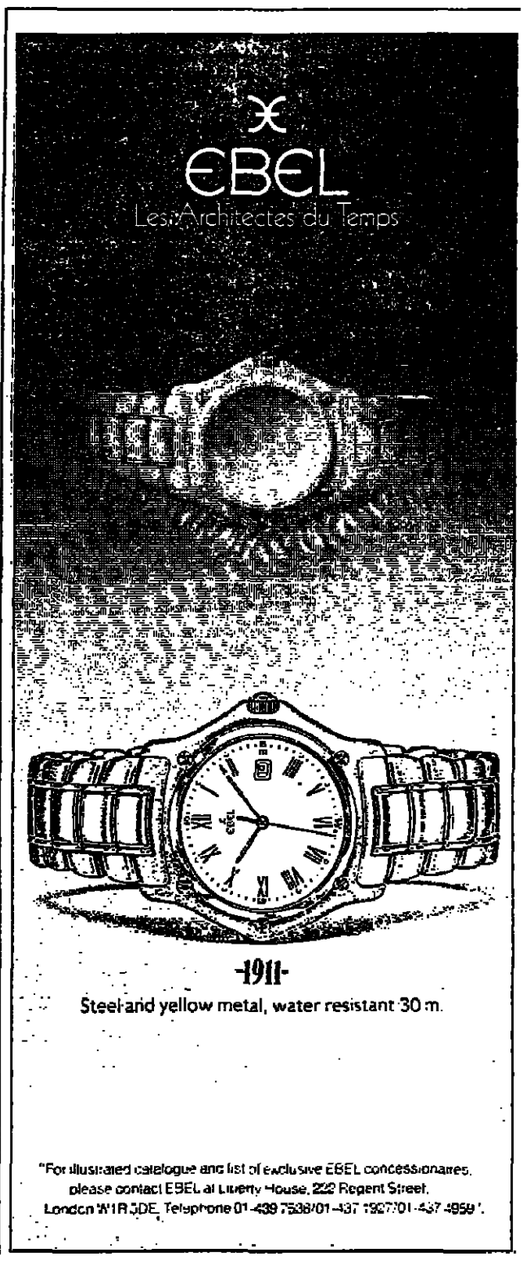
- Peter Pan has been given a new lease of life – in the favourite hospital of his creator, J.M. Barrie. But the painter who has spent eight years re-creating Peter Pan and Tinker Bell has fought some strange battles along the way. Tomorrow, in colour, *The Times* tells his story.
- For whom the division bell tolls: estate agents have a captive market in MPs who need to be within seven minutes of Westminster.
- What better way to see Turkey's dramatic Lycian coast than barefoot from the deck of a traditional *gulet*? *Tomorrow The Times* sets you adrift among ancient ruins and olive groves.

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- Eating Out: Jonathan Meades in Muzak-land. Drink: Jane MacQuitty on gift-pack wines. Cooking: Frances Bissell on edible Christmas gifts. Food: Spaghetti junction. Rock: Johnny Winter. Books: Victoriana. Records: Hindemith.

WIN £28,000

- The £4,000 daily prize in the Portfolio Accumulator was not claimed yesterday, so the Accumulator fund rises today to £28,000. Prices: page 32



NEWS ROUNDUP

Falklands deaths were accidental

An RAF Chinook helicopter crashed into a remote hillside in the Falklands in appalling weather, known as a "white out", an inquest was told yesterday.

Those killed in the crash were: Flight Lieutenant David Browning, aged 23, the co-pilot, Sergeant Wayne Hopson, aged 27, of the RAF, and rifleman Toyabahadur Gurung, aged 33, a Gurkha. Fifteen other Gurkhas and two crew, including the pilot, survived the crash in May 1986 although many were badly injured. They had been returning to base from an exercise.

Squadron Leader Peter Hallett, of RAF Odiham, who was in charge of the Mount Pleasant helicopter squadron at the time of the crash, said a white out created an appalling problem for a pilot.

Mr Nicholas Gardiner, the Oxford coroner, recording verdicts of accidental death, said: "The Falklands are notorious for the rapidly changing nature of the weather". The inquests were held in Oxford because the bodies were flown back to RAF Brize Norton in Oxfordshire.

Boycott threatened

The Law Society, the solicitors' professional body, is considering boycotting the new Legal Aid Board over proposals to enable a range of legal work to be done by advice agencies rather than solicitors. Yesterday the new Legal Aid Board, which takes over the running of the £500 million a year legal aid scheme next April 1, outlined what kind of legal aid advice work might be "contracted out" to citizens' advice bureaux and others. It says there are areas of work where there is a considerable amount of experience.

Verdict on producer

An assistant BBC television producer working on the Zircon spy satellite programme was seen walking on the roof of the corporation's studios in Lime Grove, west London, seconds before he fell to his death, an inquest was told yesterday. Dr John Burton, the Hammersmith coroner, returning an open verdict on Mr Clifford Smith, aged 25, of East Sheen, south-west London, said he could find no "logical explanation" for the incident last September. Dr Burton said that Mr Smith bypassed the obvious place from which to jump and his death appeared to have been accidental.

£50m milk payout

The Government has given British milk producers free quotas worth £50 million, the National Audit Office said yesterday. "No restriction was placed on the disposal of this free quota which some recipients subsequently sold or leased", the office said. While it had helped some farmers "it has resulted in a sector of the dairy industry being given a free disposable asset at a cost of £50 million to the taxpayer". The office also called for more milk to be distributed at schools. That milk received a Euro-subsidy and increased use of the scheme would help reduce the milk surplus.

Dr Higgs rejected

Dr Marietta Higgs, who was involved in the Cleveland child abuse controversy, yesterday failed to be elected to the executive committee of the British Association for the Study and Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect after threats that other members would resign. Mr Ian Robertson, a former Berkshire assistant county solicitor, who chaired the society's annual meeting at the Shire Hall, Reading, said he would have to consider his position on the council if she were elected.

Piper Alpha decision

Most families in the biggest, single legal group contesting claims after the Piper Alpha disaster yesterday accepted compensation offers from Occidental, the platform operators. The decision was announced by Mr David Burnside, spokesman for the Piper Alpha Disaster Group, which represents the families of 136 victims and 50 survivors of the explosion on July 6. The overall settlement will mean average payments of £600,000 which are expected to be settled early in the new year.

Ryan warns he won't be 'taken alive'

By Jamie Dettmer
Irish Affairs Correspondent

Father Patrick Ryan, the alleged IRA terrorist, gave a warning that he would fast to death to evade extradition to Britain where he is wanted in connection with 185 bombings.

In an interview with a small Tipperary newspaper earlier this week, Father Ryan said: "I shall not, neither from Ireland, Brussels or any place else be taken alive to be put before a British tribunal".

Father Ryan, aged 58, said he did not expect a fair trial in Britain. He questioned the "validity of an English court to pronounce against me, an Irishman, for doing my patriotic duty".

Father Ryan denied that he is an IRA member or that he ever was one. According to the reporter who carried out the interview for the *Tipperary Star*, Father Ryan went on to explain why he was not a member. "He said he liked to keep his independence and belonged to no political party."

He also maintained that he had never purchased arms or explosives for the IRA and that he would refuse to do so if asked.

Of his 14 years spent fund-raising in Europe, he claimed that the proceeds — "more than a few pence, a lot of money" — went to the "victims of the political situation on the nationalist side" in Northern Ireland. He did not define who the victims were.

He said that he left his order to make "a more direct contribution towards helping nationalists".

Of his arrest in a Brussels flat last June, he admitted that the police did find manuals on explosives. However, he said: "In my living room they found all kinds of books. I am excellent mechanic, very good with electronics, a good plumber, carpenter, welder. I have a variety of books on all these subjects. I have also books on music as I play the mandolin and banjo."

He disclosed that he planned his 22-day hunger strike in Brussels in a calculating way. He said it was designed to pressurize the Belgium authorities not to extradite him. He had timed a "thirst strike" so that he would die before there was any chance of being flown to Britain to face trial.

He also acknowledged that he had used false passports during the past few years. However, he maintained that the reason was not clandestine but rather because he was being stopped at frontiers and prevented from proceeding while fund raising for the dependents of Irish prisoners. He did not explain why he thought dozens of western European security services had him marked as an IRA terrorist. The interview by Ann O'Grady, a family friend, was conducted last Monday while Ryan was in the £300-a-day Blackrock Clinic, Dublin.

The reporter the priest looked "drawn and frail". She said Father Ryan said he was "feeling basically fine but a little weak". He complained of dizzy spells.

The former African missionary explained in a extraordinarily blunt passage why he had left the Pallottine Order. He said he had told his superiors he wanted to continue his mission but that, "instead of my efforts being directed towards the Africans, they would be directed against the Africans in Northern Ireland". He said that by the Africans in Northern Ireland, he meant the British.

Father Ryan claimed that he was arrested by the Belgian police last June because of an impending visit by the Queen to The Netherlands.

He said his hunger strike of 22 days was not a long period. He thought he might have to go to 40 or 45 days. He was "playing the situation by ear as I went along".

He said he received information last week which led him to believe that had "he continued with merely a hunger strike he would have ended up with Maggie Thatcher". So he determined on a thirst strike, which normally means you are dead in five to six days," Father Ryan said.

"I had decided that under no circumstances was I going to be put before an English court. And to that end I was sending a strong signal to the British and to the Belgians. To the British, to say there was no point in continuing to ask for me unless they wanted a corpse, and the Belgians, that if a decision to extradite me was given, I would never arrive alive."

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Strength of forces down by 4,000

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

The recruiting crisis expected by the three armed services because of the demographic time bomb is already taking effect, according to figures published by the Ministry of Defence yesterday.

The total strength of the armed forces dropped by about 4,000 since last year, with all three services showing a reduction in manpower.

The ministry disclosed that while recruiting continued to show a decline, more officers and servicemen were leaving the forces.

The loss of 9,750 during the last quarter up to the end of September was nearly 7 per cent higher than in the same period last year.

All three services are now drawing up proposals to counter the problem.

Demographic studies have shown that the number of young people aged between 16 and 19 is likely to go down by 26 per cent by 1994.

This is of particular concern for Army chiefs, since 80 per cent of soldiers are recruited between the ages of 16 and 19.

The Army and the Royal Navy have indicated that recruiting woman could be one way of boosting numbers.

Yesterday's figures showed the number of women in the Army and the RAF had fallen, although there was a marginal increase in the number of women in the Royal Navy.

The Army has already produced a report, as yet unpublished, and decisions based on the findings will be made within the next six months.

Ministry sources yesterday admitted: "The indications are that the demographic problems are already beginning to bite.

"The figures prove that the population trend is not just an abstract notion. It really is going to have a serious impact."

Earlier this month Mr Roger Freeman, Under-Secretary of State for the Armed Forces, in a written Commons answer, said the Army was beginning to have difficulties in recruiting.

He said additional measures were being considered to "increase public awareness of the career opportunities which the Army has to offer".

Measures under consideration by the Army include television advertisements, abolition of short-service gratuities and making more use of women.

Yesterday's figures showed that the total strength of the services was now 315,059, about 700 fewer than last June.

The total intake in the last quarter, from July 1 to September 30, was 9,054, nearly 5 per cent lower than in the same quarter last year.

Facing up to campaign issues



An aside from Mr Steven Norris convulses Mr Norman Tebbit at yesterday's Conservative by-election press conference.

By Richard Ford
Political Correspondent

The parties of the centre spent yesterday busily claiming to detect signs that Conservative support in the Epping Forest by-election is crumbling.

To help it crumble even faster, they highlighted their local connections in the constituency while portraying the Conservative candidate as a outsider.

Mr Andrew Thompson, the Democrats' candidate, said he had found a large number of local voters disillusioned with the Government. "People are very concerned about interest and mortgage rate rises. They know there is another one to come in the new year." Mr Thompson, who emphasizes that he lives in the constituency and served as a local councillor, added: "Local people resent the fact that they have someone imposed upon them".

Mr Michael Pettman, of the Social Democrats, said he found in a canvass of "perhaps 10 per cent" of the constituency, signs that the Conservative vote was no longer solid. "They are turning to us", he said.

The Conservative candidate, Mr Steven Norris, described claims that he was an "outsider" foisted on the constituency as fatuous. Everyone understood that he and his wife had undertaken "to live here".

Mr Norris had a formidable ally in the person of Mr Norman Tebbit to fire more salvoes at opponents. "I seem to remember, there was a Labour fellow who sat for one of those rather southern seats and then went off to somewhere in Wales" Mr Tebbit said. "Ah yes, Foot was his name. I am not sure he was ever accused of carpetbagging."

The rivals of Labour's Mr Stephen Murray, were yesterday wondering whether he was campaigning for the December 15 by-election. The SDP candidate called it a "pretty half-hearted effort".

General election: Sir John Biggs-Davison (C) 31,536; Mr Anthony Humphris (SDP-All) 10,023; Mr Stephen Murray (Lab) 9,499; R Denhard (Green) 695. C majority: 21,513.

Mappa Mundi sale may be put off

By Craig Seton and Sarah Jane Checkland

The first signs emerged yesterday that the Dean and Chapter of Hereford Cathedral are considering postponing the sale of the thirteenth-century Mappa Mundi.

This came after a meeting for the first time of all the warring parties involved. The meeting in London on Wednesday included Lord Charteris of Amisfield, chairman of the National Heritage Memorial Fund, Lord Gowrie, chairman of Sotheby's, Mr Patrick Cormack, the Conservative MP for Staffordshire South who is chairman of the all party heritage group in Parliament and the Very Rev Peter Haynes, Dean of Hereford.

Lord Charteris said yesterday: "I hope that next week we shall hear the map has been withdrawn from sale, if only temporarily."

Anthony Hickman

Our report (October 24) of the maisonette sold by Anthony Hickman Estate Agents Ltd, of Gloucester at £37,000 stated it was resold a week later for £46,500. In fact, following its re-advertisement at £47,000 two weeks after the first sale, it was sold for £46,000 four months later. We accept that Hickmans neither undervalued the property, nor acted in any way improperly in handling it, and we apologize for any embarrassment they may have been caused.

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Mother 'admitted she killed her first child'

By Michael Horsnell

A woman on trial for the murder of her baby daughter allegedly told a social worker that she had smothered her 10-week-old son less than three years earlier.

Mr Stephen Spurr, a team leader for Harrow social services, told the Central Criminal Court that Miss Christine Mason, aged 22, had admitted kicking and dropping her son, Carl, who died on January 19, 1985.

Miss Mason and Mr Eddie Fisher, her boy friend at the time and the boy's father, were interviewed by a senior detective at Slough police station. A coroner later decided that Carl was a cot death victim.

A post-mortem examination showed that the boy had suffered an earlier brain haemorrhage as well as rib fractures and bruising but these injuries were found not to have contributed to the death.

Miss Mason and Mr Roy Aston, aged 24, her boy friend, deny murder and child cruelty at their council flat in Walworth, south London.

The court was told Miss Mason's second child Doreen aged 16 months, died from a brain haemorrhage after months of battering and cruelty.

Cross-examined by Miss Ann Curnow, QC, for Mr Aston, Mr Spurr said Miss Mason made the confession to him on January 24, 1985, five days after Carl's death and after the police questioning and post-mortem examination.

At that time she was staying at a hostel with a new boy friend. They had been arguing in her room, which was disorderly and damaged, Mr Spurr said.

"She said that she and Eddie Fisher had smothered Carl and that she had also dropped him and kicked him. She suffered from wild mood swings."

Mr Spurr said that later she was blaming Mr Fisher for Carl's death and he had received information to that effect from Miss Mason's father.

"I knew Eddie Fisher quite well and he was a gentle and kind man for whom I had some considerable regard", Mr Spurr said.

After the birth of Doreen Mason on May 22, 1986, a social workers' case conference was held and the baby was put on a council's at-risk register because of the circumstances of Carl's death.

Mr Spurr agreed with Miss Curnow that there was considerable worry for Doreen because of the circumstances of Carl's death.

He said Miss Mason became obsessive about Carl's death although he ceased to have contact with her after she moved from Berkshire, where he was then working, to London.

Earlier, under cross-examined by Mr Robert Watson, for Miss Mason, Mr Spurr said Miss Mason's family background had been "full of tragedy". Her parents had divorced and her father was granted custody, although she and her sister, Carolyn, were both the subject of care orders.

Mr John Mason, he said, was a psychopath and "an extremely aggressive and overbearing man who disapproved of Miss Mason's boy friends and had a strong influence over her".

He allegedly influenced her to resist help from social service and health workers when her first child was born.

Eventually Miss Mason left home and a place was found for her in a residential family centre, but she continued to resist help.

Mr Spurr said when Miss Mason called on him two days after Carl's death he was surprised because he had never had any indication of neglect or ill treatment of the boy.

He said: "Miss Mason was extremely grieved and quite manic for several months after Carl's death".

Mrs Elizabeth Bowen, a friend of the defendants, said she visited their flat days before Doreen died and Miss Mason allegedly told her: "I wish I didn't have that little bastard. If I didn't I would have more money."

The trial continues today.

A victor in fight for life



The Princess of Wales receiving a bouquet from Charlotte Levy, aged eight, at a Lunch for Life charity event in London yesterday. Charlotte was not expected to live, after being born just 25 weeks after conception, but she survived after heart surgery (Thomson Prentice writes).

The occasion was sponsored by the TSB group and Mr David Frost, the television presenter, was host. He, with other personalities, has helped raise £2 million for Birthright, the charity, whose patron is the Princess.

The charity is funding research into the causes and prevention of premature births.

The work has improved the survival rate of some premature infants by up to 70 per cent.

Birthright has also helped give healthy babies to women who otherwise would have been childless, Mr Frost said yesterday.

Donations to the appeal should be sent to David Frost, Lunch for Life, c/o TV-am, Hawley Crescent, London NW1 8EF.

Memories and fears on World Aids Day

By Thomson Prentice
Science Correspondent

World Aids Day was marked in 142 countries yesterday with memories of the past and fears for the future. In Britain, it came seven years too late for Terrence Higgins.

He probably caught the disease sometime in 1981. On July 4, 1982, in St Thomas' Hospital, south London, he became the first person in Britain to die of it. He was 37.

Since then, 1,926 others in Britain have developed Aids and 1,034 of them have died. Fifty thousand others are believed infected and government experts predict a death toll up to 17,000 in the next four years.

The World Health Organization, which promoted World Aids Day, calculates that half a million people in those 142 countries have probably fallen ill with the disease in the past seven years, and that as many as 10 million others are infected.

In London, Sir Donald Acheson, the Government's chief medical officer, said Aids was more lethal than smallpox, which killed only 40 per cent of those it struck.

Sooner or later, the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) is expected to have a mortality rate of at least 80 per cent, he said.

Professor Michael Adler, a leading specialist, of the Middlesex Hospital, London, said that by 1992, Aids in Britain will be a billion pound a year disease in drug and treatment costs.

Despite all the figures and predictions, it was still necessary for Mr David Mellor, the Minister of State for Health, to give a warning yesterday against "cosy complacency".

It is different in the United States. Aids is the leading cause of death in New York City among men and women aged between 25 and 44.

It is different in Belgium, where 51 per cent of recorded cases have a heterosexual element.

In France — which has the highest total in Europe, more than twice the British level — heterosexual infection is a grim reality.

It always was in most of Africa.

In Zambia, President Kenneth Kaunda, whose son died of Aids two years ago, said his country would be "finished" if the epidemic was not halted.

Some countries claim immunity. According to a news agency report yesterday, Aids does not exist in North Korea, due to the moral leadership of President Kim Il Sung.

Civil Servants in contracts swindle

Two Civil Servants and a builder were convicted yesterday for their part in a multi-million pound government department swindle involving call girls, large cash bribes and holidays abroad.

The Civil Servants were approached by builders wanting to make sure they could get contracts from the Government's £700 million budget for the maintenance of royal palaces, law courts and other public buildings.

The convictions yesterday were the last in a series of four trials at the Central Criminal Court over the past 12 months. In all 10 Civil Servants and 10 contractors were charged with corruption. One contractor was found not guilty. The rest were convicted.

Most of the Civil Servants worked for the Property Services Agency, which is controlled by the Department of the Environment.

The three convicted yesterday were Stanley Hunt, aged 65, a former Greater London Council official, Dennis O'Brien, aged 65, a PSA official, and Peter Algar, aged 56, a building contractor. Hunt, a "regular churchgoer", of Kingsway, West Wickham, Kent, was jailed for 12 months.

O'Brien, of St Martin's Estate, Tulse Hill, was given a nine-month suspended sentence.

Algar, of Langdale Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey, was given a six-month suspended sentence. He has been made bankrupt and his company is in liquidation.

Judge Kenneth Machin, QC, said he had given O'Brien and Algar suspended sentences because he felt they had played a minor role compared with the roles of others involved in the corruption.

He commended Det Sergeant Geoffrey Robertson, of the company fraud squad, for the investigation.

Contractors considered that the only way to get government work was by bribing the Civil Servants, the court was told. The fiddles were paid for by the British taxpayer.

In 1986-87, when the police investigation had put an end to bribery, the expenditure on maintenance at one office had dropped by £1.5 million, or 41 per cent, the court was told.

Rule protects cash awards in divorces

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Thousands of people in divorce proceedings will benefit from rules which came into force yesterday which will ensure that cash awards to buy a new home are not swallowed up in repaying legal aid costs.

The previous rule, which could cause hardship, meant that where a legally aided husband or wife was awarded money to buy a new home, the Law Society, which runs the legal aid scheme, had first claim to recoup its costs from the money.

However, under regulations brought in by the Lord Chancellor's Department yesterday, they can postpone the enforcement of the charge until the new home is sold. It may be also be possible in some circumstances for the charge to be transferred to a different property when the original home is sold.

The change means that the 11,000 people a year now having to pay their costs at once from their lump sum will have the option of deferring the payment. But another 10,000 people who are awarded the matrimonial home — and have not been penalized by the "clawback" of costs — will now have to pay interest to the Legal Aid Fund.

The law at present is anomalous in that people who are not awarded a lump sum but instead gain the matrimonial home can defer the repayment of legal costs until they sell, possibly many years later. In effect they have enjoyed an interest-free loan. But those who win a lump sum must pay up immediately.

From now on anyone who postpones repayment to the Legal Aid Fund will have to pay interest, as with a mortgage. That applies to those awarded the home and those gaining a lump sum.

The rate is fixed at 12 per cent but may be varied by the Lord Chancellor in line with general interest rates.

In the year up to March 1987, the Law Society registered just over 10,000 new so-called "statutory charges", the majority against matrimonial homes. All those people will now have to pay interest.

'Sex with detective' man is jailed

The man who had a sexual relationship with Miss Susan James — a woman detective constable who later resigned — after he was charged with conspiracy has been found guilty and jailed for 15 months. The judge at Warwick Crown Court also ordered that Tony Marren, aged 31, who during the trial sold his story to a Sunday newspaper for £5,000, should pay £5,000 towards the prosecution costs.

Marren, of the Greenfield, David Rowe, aged 41, of Dennis Road, and David Lowe, aged 32, of Milverton Road, all Coventry, had denied conspiring to obtain property from shops by deception using stolen credit cards.

Rowe was jailed for two years, Lowe was jailed for 21 months after he admitted a further offence while on bail.

ITV goes downmarket at Christmas

By Andrew Billen
Arts Correspondent

Parents are spending up to an average of £109 on presents a child at Christmas — partly because of television advertisements promoting expensive toys, a report published today states (Richard Evans writes). The nationwide survey of 501 mothers with children under 18 shows that seven out of 10 believe their youngsters' gift choices are dictated by television commericals — and they do not like it. Half the mothers said they would give in to their children's demands, even if the toy was more than they could afford or if they thought it was unsuitable. The survey, by the Business Research Unit for *Bella* magazine, says families with incomes of less than £10,000 a year are more likely than wealthier parents to spend £100 or more on a child's present. Bicycles head boys' present lists, followed by computers, while girls want clothes followed by dolls.

Channel 4's Christmas schedule announced earlier this week was thrown into relief yesterday with the unveiling of independent television's plans for the season.

Christmas Day is dominated by *Blind Date*, *Coronation Street*, a Michael Crawford Save The Children special, *The Empire Strikes Back* and *London's Burning*. The rest of the week features special editions of comedies and game shows.

Some observers said the holiday schedule was the most downmarket they could remember.

Programme controllers at a press launch were unable to point to a single cultural event on independent television during the 11 days of Christmas, apart from the usual *South Bank Show* arts review of the year. Mr David Elstein, director of programmes at Thames, said it had been decided not to divide the audience and to allow Channel 4 to provide a clear cultural alternative.

Several of Channel 4's programmes are made by independent television companies: Renaissance Theatre Company's *Twelfth Night* and the English National Opera's *Xerxes* are produced by Thames; Wildcat Theatre's *The Steamie* is a Scottish Television production; Tom Stoppard's *The Dog It Was That Died* is a Granada production.

Yesterday, independent television officials placed emphasis on home-produced programmes, as opposed to bought-in films over Christmas.

The special edition of *London's Burning* (the fire brigade drama series will feature no serious injury on Christmas Day) is joined later in the week by a special edition of *Minder*, heralding a new series.

The Save the Children special, with an introduction by the Princess Royal, features carols sung by the stars of West End shows and Michael Crawford visiting relief workers in Uganda.

Mr Greg Dyke, controller of London Weekend Television, said that when there was a choice of a film and a popular British programme, viewers tended to record the former and watch the latter.

Mr Elstein said that the strategy was important in "branding" independent television as a provider of quality home-produced drama.

Government provides boost for civil marriages

By David Walker

The Government hopes to make civil marriage ceremonies more attractive by reforming birth, death and marriage registration procedures.

Presenting a Green Paper on registration yesterday, Mrs Edwina Currie, Under-Secretary of State for Health, said reform would take the system from the era of the quill pen into the twenty-first century.

She hoped a proposal freeing registrars to conduct marriages outside town halls and register offices would cause a boom in civil marriages and cut rising illegitimacy rates.

Under existing legislation, marriages in England and Wales can take place only in designated register offices. In future, councils may authorize the use of any suitable public premises, including hotels. Other proposals include:

- Entering the mother's occupation on birth certificates.
- Ending the role of registrars in certifying deaths. Medical certificates will in future be issued only by a doctor who has attended the deceased person at least once during the 14 days before death and who inspected the body after death.
- Tightening procedures for issuing birth certificates.

Registration: A Modern Service (Stationery Office; £5.90).

Cellist defends protest over concerto

By Andrew Morgan

Mr Timothy Hugh, principal cellist of the BBC Symphony Orchestra, yesterday broke his silence on why he seemingly deviated from the score during the recording of a piece of modern music by a German composer and then smashed his instrument as a protest.

Bolts were allegedly driven through a Steinway grand piano and pieces of twine attached to its strings to dull the sound for the first performance of a piano concerto, subtitled *Zeitzeichen-Zeitmasse*, by Mr Helmuth Flammer. The piece was rehearsed for three days by the orchestra of 100 at a cost of £30,000.

The entire orchestra objected to the piece. Mr Rodney Friend, the leader, wrote to management complaining of the "abuse" to instruments and the humiliation in being forced to play the piece by Mr Flammer, a friend of Mr Lothar Zagrosek, the conductor. The score required the cello section to take the bow in both hands and force it across the strings at triple forte, as well as striking the instrument with it.

Mr Hugh, aged 28, decided his own cello would be badly damaged and used an old instrument at the studios in Maida Vale, west London. After the 25-minute piece the conductor congratulated the soloist, to slight applause from the audience of 60.

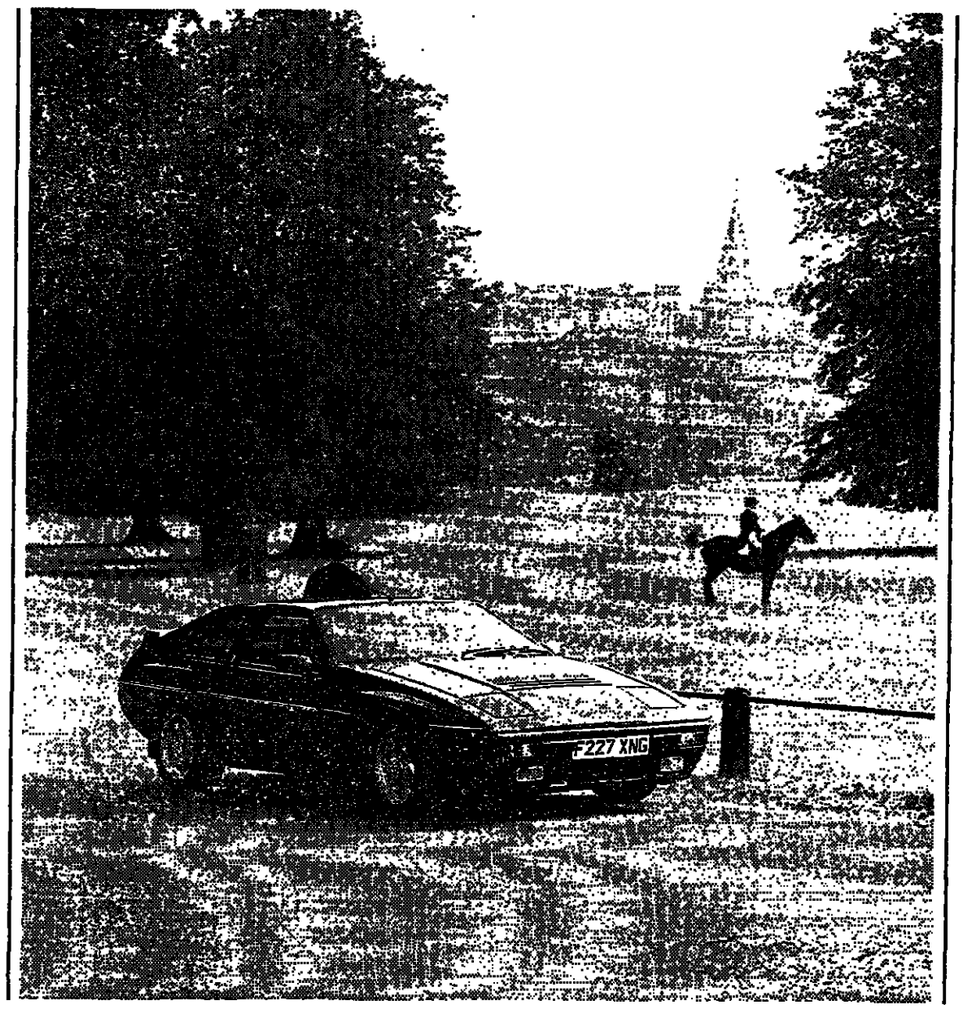
Mr Hugh then smashed his instrument while the recording light was still on. "I was the only musician who played the piece properly. The cello was wrecked, with all the bow hairs destroyed, and so I thought I'd finish it off", he said.

The audience, unsure if Mr Hugh's contribution was part of the performance, remained quiet until the orchestra started cheering him. The audience then started to boo loudly. However one member of the audience said Mr Hugh's action had made the evening worthwhile.

Mr Hugh, a regular performer of contemporary music, described the composer as "a man of no talent" and said half the BBC recordings of contemporary pieces should never be made.

"This man Flammer is an anal vandal who will do anything to get attention. It should never have been placed before us and it was a gross abuse of licence money", he said.

The concerto was refused by an orchestra in Essen, West Germany, but the BBC decided it would be a worthy investment. No transmission date has been fixed. The orchestra's management was last night considering disciplinary action against Mr Hugh.



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ELECTRICITY AND EMPLOYMENT BILLS

Privatization programme climax brings largest-ever flotation

A power game role for all the people

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

● The Bill to privatize the electricity industry in England and Wales and the complimentary Bill to privatize the industry in Scotland mark the climax of the Government's privatization programme and will be the biggest-ever stock market flotation.

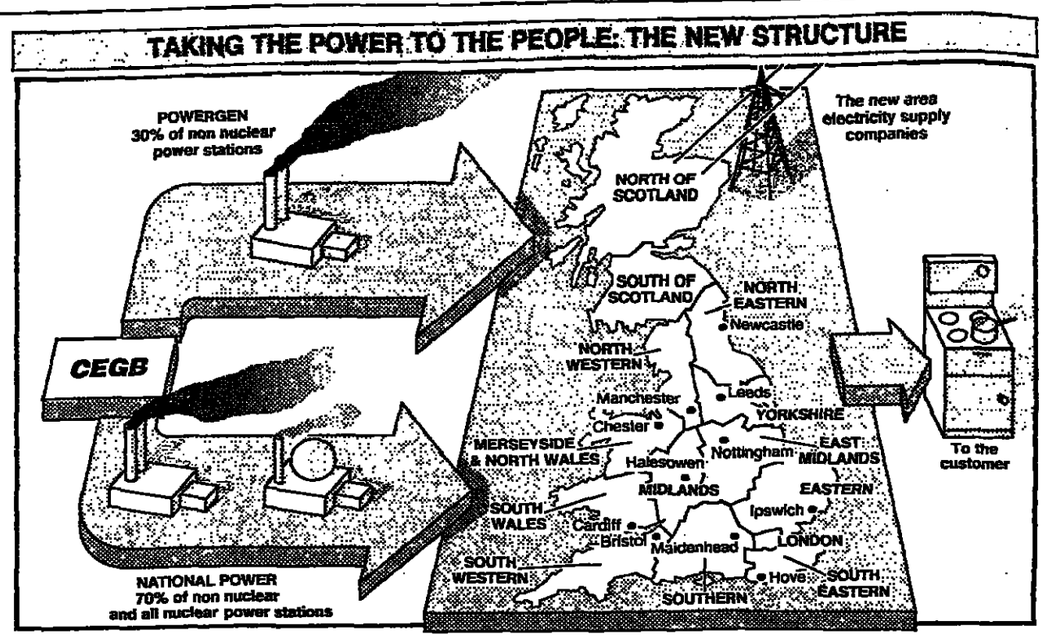
● Mr Cecil Parkinson, the Secretary of State for Energy, said yesterday that the first principle in his Bill was that decisions about the supply of electricity should be driven by the needs of all customers. The second was that competition was the best guarantee of customers' interests and, thirdly, regulation should promote competition, oversee prices and protect customer interest where monopolies will remain.

● Mr Parkinson is also concerned that the security and safety of supply is maintained,, the customers should be given new rights, not just safeguards, and that all who work in the industry should be offered a direct stake in their future, new career opportunities and the freedom to manage their commercial affairs without Government interference.

● The Bill confirms the split of the Central Elecricity Generating Board into two new companies and the transfer of the control of the national grid to the supply companies. The supply companies will be formed from the existing 12 area electricity boards and apart from one board chairman, who is to retire in June, the existing chairmen have already been appointed chairman-designate of the boards.

● Mr Parkinson said yesterday that the Government was now on target with its programme to move the industry into the private sector. Customers and employees in the industry will be encouraged to buy shares, with special offers being promoted by the Government.

● Overseas sales will also take place, although Mr Parkinson said that it was expected that a limit of a maximum shareholding of around 15 per cent would be introduced and the Government would retain "Golden Shares" in the new companies.



New structure will give managers 'freedom to use their initiative'

The Bill says that the present structure of the industry means that the industry's managers do not have the freedom to use their initiative in the way that private sector managers can.

For example, the Government appoints the members of all the Boards that run the industry, and approves all capital expenditure limits.

Although the Energy Act 1983 contained powers to promote private generation, change has been slow. Private generation has not expanded sufficiently to impose any real competitive pressure on the electricity supply industry.

Mr Parkinson has proposed that the CEGB be split into three new companies — a transmission company (The National Grid Company), a new generating company (PowerGen) formed from about 30% of the CEGB's existing capacity ,all of it non-nuclear, and a third (National Power) formed from the remainder of the CEGB, including the nuclear stations. The CEGB's obligation to supply will be removed.

The Area Boards will be privatised as twelve independent supply companies. Each will have a duty to provide a supply at the request of the consumer and The National Grid Company will be transferred to the joint ownership of the new supply companies. The supply companies will be able to contract for electricity from any source, and, within limits, to generate themselves.

The national grid will continue to operate as an integrated network, and The National Grid Company will, as the holder of a transmission licence, have a statutory duty to maintain an efficient system and to facilitate competition. It will operate the merit order dispatch system, while maintaining the security and stability of the grid system. It will be wholly owned by a holding company belonging to the supply companies. The powers of the holding company will in general be limited to annual approval of a medium-term.

Under the new plans there will be no role for the Electricity Council in the privatized industry. Some of its functions will be assumed by the successor companies, whilst others will be handled by common service organisations working on behalf of the successor companies.

Mr Parkinson has said that among benefits of the new structure the CEGB's effective monopoly on supplies will be ended, allowing the introduction of real competition into generation. This will put a downward pressure on costs

The major advantages of an integrated system, with a merit order of operation, will be preserved, and all generators will have equal access to the grid. The supply companies who will deal direct with the industry's customers and will best understand their requirements, will have a much greater say in decisions about the number and type of new power stations built. The industry will be freed from Government intervention and the influence of fluctuating political pressures, and from the constraints on financing which public ownership imposes.

Private generators will have greater opportunities. Consumers and employees will be able to have a stake in the new companies and will therefore have real influence on their activities and performance.

Details of the Bill cover the following main categries:

REGULATION

The need for regulation has been a key element of Mr Parkinson's planning. Initially, the two new generating companies will have a dominant position in the market. Contracts put in place before privatization for supply from existing power stations will therefore be subject to the approval of the Secretary of State.

There will also be some limits to the length of these initial contracts so that they will be subject to renegotiation as competition develops. The regulatory regime will also ensure that customers and generators can obtain access to the transmission and distribution systems on non discriminatory terms.

The National Grid Company will have a monopoly in transmitting electricity at high voltage. Effective regulation will ensure that the general level of its charges is fair and that it does not discriminate between users of the system.

The regulatory regime will be supervised by a Director General of Electrical Supply and will operate mainly through a system of licences.

There will be one Director for England, Wales and Scotland.

A clause of the Bill will prohibit any person from generating, transmitting or supplying electricity without the appropriate licence (or exemption) to do so, while others will enable the licences to include certain conditions, and will oblige the licence-holder to comply with them. There will be safeguards on the handling of commercially sensitive information

There will be two types of electricity supply licence. One type, known as the first-tier licence, will be granted to those suppliers who have an obligation to supply all customers within their area on request. These public electricity suppliers will comprise, initially at least, the Area Boards' successor companies. First-tier licences will include conditions establishing the area in which consumers are to be supplied, imposing the price control formula, requiring the ring-fencing of the supply, distribution and generation activities, and allowing third party access to the distribution system. In addition, the Bill places a duty on a public electricity supplier to develop an efficient system of electricity supply.

The other type of licence, known as the second-tier licence, will be available to suppliers who wish to contract to supply electricity to specific premises or sets of premises, for example, generators supplying large industrial customers direct.

Whenever necessary, these companies would contract with the supply company for use of their distribution networks to supply such customers. They will have no statutory obligation to supply, and will be given compulsory purchase powers and street works powers only to the extent provided in their licences. Price and conditions of supply will be for the suppliers' and their customers.

Generators owning stations of 50MW capacity and above will be required to hold a generation licence. One of the principal purposes of these licences will be to confer certain rights and obligations on the licence holder, for example powers to break streets. Their obligations will include submitting plant to merit order dispatch, compliance with an operating code and provision of information to the Director.

The generation licences issued to National Power and PowerGen will also prohibit cross-subsidy and undue discrimination.

It is expected that the only holder of a transmission licence in England and Wales will be the National Grid Company. The Bill places a duty on the holder of a transmission licence to develop and maintain an efficient, co-ordinated and economical system of electricity transmission and to facilitate competition in the generation and supply of electricity.

The licence will include conditions on price, including connection charges, requiring access and use of the transmission system on a non-discriminatory basis, and requiring the grid company to make available price and technical information to enable prospective users to assess the options and likely costs of connecting to the grid. The Director will have the power to determine disputes about the terms for use of the system.

SUPERVISION

The Director General of Electricity Supply will supervise the operation of the regulatory regime. The Bill will oblige the Director to carry out his functions in a way best calculated to achieve a number of objectives, including the promotion of competition in the supply and generation of electricity, securing that all reasonable demands for electricity are satisfied and protecting customers interests.

The director will enforce licence conditions, modifying licences with the agreement of the licence holder, refer to the MMC any matter relating to the operation of a licence which operates or may be expected to operate against the national interest, publishing the MMC report on this and modifying licences as a result of the report.

He will also establish consumers' committees, determining disputes between a public electricity supplier and a person requiring a supply, exercise some of the functions of the Director of Fair Trading under the Fair Trading Act 1973 and the Competition Act 1980. He will also report to the Secretary of State and publish reports by consumers' committees.

He will fix maximum prices for the resale of electricity, publish information and advice to electricity consumers, and making regulations prescribing individual standards of service, and determine standards of overall performance.

The Director will also have some functions which are not part of the regulatory regime, for example assessing the availability of non-fossil fuel capacity.

PURCHASING

There will be a system of collective purchasing and direct contracts between generators and their customers. This arrangement will also involve a contractual arrangement for use of the transmission system. The direct contracts will involve payments for capacity (kw) and energy (kwh).

It has been a primary concern to preserve the benefits of the merit order dispatch system, whilst moving to a system of contracts between generators, and their customers, including the supply companies. Under the new arrangements, generators will receive the contract energy price for units taken under the contract.

However, the generator will be able to sub-contract production of the units to any generator that can supply more cheaply. The most efficient way for this to happen would be to create a generators pool run by the grid company. Generators would bid prices to the pool and the station with the lowest and so on until total demand on the pool is satisfied.

The bid prices would be published. Supply companies would benefit from the pool by being able to negotiate finer terms in their contracts in the light of the published bid prices. Distributors are also likely to adopt their own contract pooling arrangements.

Privatisation will open up new opportunities for independent power operation. All generators will be able to compete on an equal footing and will have access to the distribution system on similar terms. The Department is aware of some 15 proposed independent power generation projects which would total over 5 GW (Gigawatt = thousand megawatts) of new capacity.

THE CONSUMER

The new arrangements for consumer representation and protection will be tailored to the new structure of the privatized industry and will be brought within the overall regulatory framework. The existing Area Consultative Councils and Electricity Consumers' Council will be dissolved and new consumers' committees created.

The Director General of Electricity Supply will have responsibility for establishing consumer committees for the protection and promotion of consumers' interests. The Government intends that committees will be established in each of the areas of the initial 12 public electricity suppliers.

Each committee will consist of a chairman appointed by the Director, after consultation with the Secretary of State, and between ten and twenty other members appointed by the Director.

The consumers' committees will keep matters affecting the interests of electricity consumers under review, advise the Director and make representations and consult with the electricity suppliers.

They will also refer to the Director matters relating to electricity suppliers which appear to be for the exercise of the Director's licence enforcement functions and, if the Director so requests, investigate such matters.

They will also investigate other matters relating to electricity suppliers in their area put to the committee by interested persons or by the Director,and where necessary, refer such matters to the Director, make reports to the Director and, if authorized by the Director, determine disputes over the operation of guaranteed standards.

The public electricity suppliers' licence will contain conditions requiring them to meet their consumers' committees at least once a year and to establish a consumers' complaints handling procedure in consultation with the consumers' committee.

The chairmen of the committees can receive remuneration, pension rights and travelling and other allowances, and the members of the committees can receive allowances. The Director will be enabled to provide the committees with accommodation and services. The consumers' committees will also be able to establish sub-committees with the approval of the Director.

SAFETY, QUALITY

The regulations will lay down procedures and standards on quality and safety of supply. They have been thoroughly revised and brought up to date and will provide a sound basis for the safe operation of the privatised electricity supply.

SUPPLY SECURITY

A secure and reliable supply of electricity is vital. Electricity generated predominantly from one fuel source is vulnerable to world fuel price shocks and interruptions from time to time. There are various ways of guarding against this.

Competition in generation is likely to lead to generation from a variety of fuel sources. But the Government believes that two particular policies, the promotion of diversity and the maintenance of fuel stocks at power stations, should be underpinned by legislation.

There will be a power to enable the Secretary of State to require first tier supply companies to have available for use a certain minimum amount of non-fossil fuelled generating capacity.

Both nuclear and renewable forms of generation can contribute, and the Secretary of State will be able to ensure that renewables which provide an intermittent level of capacity, such as wind, solar and tidal, can make their full contribution.

First tier licensees in England and Wales will be required to submit plans to show that they have made appropriate plans to meet the obligation.

Turning on the private switch

The restructuring of the industry will be implemented by direct vesting and transfer scheme. The Bill provides that, on a day appointed by the Secretary of State, the Area Boards' undertakings will be directly vested in twelve new supply companies nominated and owned by the Secretary of State. These new companies will then be offered for sale to the public by the Secretary of State.

The division of the CEGB into three new companies will be more complicated. The Bill requires the CEGB to draw up a scheme for the division of its undertaking into three or more parts, by a date to be nominated by the Secretary of State.

After the Secretary of State has approved the scheme, on the transfer date appointed each part of the CEGB's undertaking will become the property of the nominated companies, which will be owned by the Secretary of State.

The transmission company will be transferred to the ownership of the Area Boards. The two new generating companies will be sold by the Secretary of State.

The Electricity Council will be required to draw up a scheme, by a date nominated by the Secretary of State, for the transfer of its undertaking to companies nominated by the Secretary of State.

Scottish power debt to be written off

By Kerry Gill

Two new Scottish electricity companies will be created as a result of the Electricity Bill, and a jointly-owned Scottish nuclear company will also be formed to operate the country's nuclear stations.

Mr Malcolm Rifkind, the Secretary of State for Scotland, said that privatization of the existing organizations, the South of Scotland Electricity Board and the North of Scotland Hydro-electric Board, would put one of the country's key industries on a "new and dynamic" basis.

A new electricity supply code will be drawn up to safeguard the consumer, and various financial provisions will be introduced to restructure before the sell-off to the public.

This latter proposal will enable the boards' present £2.6 million of capital debt effectively to be cancelled out before flotation. Both new companies will be required to share the benefits and the costs incurred by the nuclear arm of the industry.

Each company will have to be capable of independent operation at an acceptable cost, and the widely expected option of exporting to England and Wales should be given to both companies as Scotland has a generating capacity well above its need.

A Director General of Electricity Supply will be appointed who will report to the Secretary of State for Scotland. The customer will be protected by a code of guaranteed standards of service and set levels of acceptable, overall performance. Two new consumer committees for Scotland will be established.



Mr Malcolm Rifkind: A "new and dynamic" basis.

Safeguards for industry employees will be set out, as will environmental safeguards which will be "no less vigorously enforced after privatization than they are now", according to the Industry Department for Scotland.

The two Scottish companies will be broadly based on the existing boards, although limited re-structuring will take place to make sure that both are strong, well-balanced and commercially sound.

Employment Bill aims to sweep away discrimination between the sexes

Women get equal rights at work

By Tim Jones, Employment Affairs Correspondent

The Government is seeking to sweep away some of the differences between the employment of men and women in Britain in an anti-discrimination and deregulation Employment Bill which was published yesterday.

The measures, which will, for example, allow women to work as miners, is a recognition that with a falling birth rate their role in the next decade will be increasingly important to fill the gap in the employment market created by fewer school leavers.

Aimed at promoting equality of opportunity in employment and vocational training, the Bill is also designed to meet EC obligations by amending or repealing most legislation that still discriminates in employment and training matters between women and men.

The Bill also provides for the abolition of the Training Commission, effectively ending trade union involvement with Government training schemes. This proposal was prompted by the decision of the TUC to vote against co-operation with the scheme.

One major change will be to remove the numerous restrictions on the hours of work of young people between the ages of 16 and 18 including the prohebition of night work.School children in part time work will remain fully protected by existing employment legislation.

Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Employment said yesterday: "In the 1990s, women will be playing a more and more important part in the labour market. It is vital to provide genuine equality of opportunity. Sex discrimination is not only unfair but harms the economy. Jobs should go to the people best able to do them, irrespective of sex".

Six of the clauses in the Bill deal specifically with sex discrimination and amend provisions of the Sex Discrimination Act 1975 which have allowed discriminatory requirements in earlier legislation to prevail.

They were, Mr Fowler said, designed to sweep away some archaic restrictions on women's employment. "For instance, in the mining industry it is quite unreasonable that women should be prevented from pursuing a career in management or engineering because of restrictions introduced in the 19th century to prevent women hauling coal trucks."

He added: "I would stress that we are keeping restrictions where necessary for health and safety reasons. Protection will be retained so that women are not exposed to radiation or lead which might affect the health of an unborn child. We are also keeping restrictions on young people working with dangerous machinery."

But the Bill will allow continued sex discrimination by continuing restrictions on pregnant women working on board ships and aircraft, and on women returning to work in factories within 4 weeks of childbirth.

Mr Fowler added that the present regime governing young people's employment "is immensely complicated and restricts both young people and employers unnecessarily."

MAIN POINTS OF THE BILL

● Women get the right to redundancy payments up to the same age as men (65).

● Academic appointments in university colleges restricted to women where this is required at present.

● A university professorship to be restricted to a man if there is a statutory requirement that the holder of the post should be a canon.

● Head teachers in schools and colleges to be restricted to members of a religious order where such a restriction is contained in the trust deed or other relevant instrument.

● Exemptions for women to protect them from working in situations which put them at risk, e.g. work affecting unborn children.

● Repeals the existing restrictions on women working in mines and quarries and cleaning machinery in factories by extending to men the prohibition, at a mine or quarry, of lifting loads "so heavy as to be likely to cause injury".

● Exempts employers with fewer than 20 employees from the requirement of the Employment Protection Act 1978 to provide employees with particulars of disciplinary procedures which apply to them.

● Limits the requirement of an employer to allow officials of a trade union time off with pay to duties concerned with matters in respect of which the employer recognises the trade union.

● Increases from six months to two years the qualifying period of continuous employment after which employees are entitled to be given, on request, a written statement of the reasons for their dismissal.

● Removes the differences whereby men may at present receive statutory redundancy payments up to age 65 and women up to only age 60. Where there is a "normal retiring age" for the job in question which is below 65 and is non-discriminatory, the entitlement of both sexes is to be restricted to that age. In all other cases, women's entitlement is to be extended to age 65, in line with that of men.

● Provides for regulations to be made to give an industrial tribunal chairman discretion, at the pre-hearing stage, on application from one of the parties, or of his own motion, to require a deposit of up to £150 from the other party as a condition of proceeding futher, if it is considered that his or her case has no reasonable prospect of success.

Pupil, 8, can walk 5 miles daily, Law Lords decide

By Douglas Broom, Education Reporter

Any healthy child of eight should be quite capable of walking a daily five-mile return trip from home to school, the Law Lords ruled yesterday.

In a unanimous test-case decision they overturned a Court of Appeal ruling that Devon County Council should provide a free bus pass for Christopher George, who, at the age of eight, faced a 2.8-mile walk to school along muddy Devon country lanes.

Upholding the right of education authorities to refuse free transport to pupils living within three miles of school, the Law Lords said that it was up to parents to ensure that their children could get to school safely.

They endorsed the findings of the High Court judge who first heard the case in 1986 that a normal healthy boy of Christopher's age should be capable of walking without getting "too tired".

The decision was welcomed by the Association of County Councils which said that if the original Court of Appeal ruling had been upheld it could have cost ratepayers in England and Wales £90 million a year.

"Authorities would have been overwhelmed by claims for free transport."

In yesterday's ruling, Lord Keith of Kinkel said: "There are various things which a parent may have to do to bring about the child's attendance at school, such as seeing that he gets up in the morning and sets out in reasonable time.

"In the case of an unwilling child it may be necessary for the parent to take the child to school in order to bring about his attendance.

"In general, the parent must do those things which are reasonably practicable to be done and which an ordinary parent would do."

That might include accompanying the child when it would be unsafe for the child to go alone, such as where the route crossed a busy road.

Christopher, now aged 10, was living in the village of Thornbury and attending Bradford Church of England School, Holsworthy, when his parents brought the case. The family has since moved but Devon County Council took the matter to the Law Lords because of its importance as a test case.

They decided it was "reasonably practicable" for one of the boy's parents to walk to school with him each day. At the time free transport was refused Christopher's stepfather was unemployed and the family was living on social security.

In making its final decision in March 1987 the schools' transport panel said it was satisfied the route, which was within the statutory three-mile limit for children over eight, was one which an unaccompanied child could walk with reasonable safety.

Lord Keith said there was no suggestion that Christopher was not a normal, healthy boy for his age. It had not been shown that the education authority was mistaken in law, nor was its decision unreasonable.

Parliament had contemplated that in appropriate circumstances a child would be accompanied to school and local authorities were entitled to take into account in refusing free transport whether it was practical for a parent to take a child to school over a route which would not be available to a child on its own.

Lord Brandon, Lord Oliver, Lord Goff and Lord Lowry agreed in allowing the appeal.

Devon County Council said: "It would have had tremendous repercussions for authorities across the country if we lost this appeal. Authorities all over the country would have been faced with hundreds of claims from parents."

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Boat boy saw his brother and friend die

A schoolboy tried in vain to save his brother and a friend after their speedboat sank during a joyride, an inquest was told yesterday.

Edmund Davies, aged 14, died in Kevin Butler's arms after Bernard Butler, aged 19, drifted away to his death in freezing seas off the Cornish coast, Dr David Bruce, the coroner, was told.

Kevin, aged 14, of Watergate, near Looe in Cornwall, survived for five hours before being rescued by a lifeboat crew.

In a statement read by Dr Bruce at Liskeard, Cornwall, Kevin said their ordeal began on the evening of April 5, when his father's 15ft, 90hp speedboat, White Fire, sank after the engine failed to restart.

The trio hung on to the side of the submerged boat but eventually decided to try to swim to safety.

Kevin said: "Bernard was very tired. He was the weakest because he never had a lifejacket. We took it in turns to hold him up.

"I began drifting away but swam back to find them both. Bernard drifted away from us but shouted for help. Edmund and I held on to each other but then Edmund was on his back, gurgling with the water.

"I kept hitting him on the back because he was swallowing water. But it was no use.

"I held on to him and began swimming towards the shore. After a while I realized he might be dead as he was floating face downwards. I tried to hold on to him but I couldn't. My hands were frozen and he drifted away."



Kevin Butler (left) before yesterday's inquest on Bernard Butler (top) and Edmund Davies.

Kevin was rescued by the Fowey lifeboat just before 2am.

Much of the evidence at the inquest, expected to last two days, will focus on the amount of time it took Plymouth and Fowey rescue crews to launch their craft.

Mr Bob Butler, father of the brothers, has claimed that the delay in the launch of the Fowey lifeboat led to his son's death.

Mr Francis Billing, a senior coastguard, said the team learnt that a speedboat was overdue at 9.20pm, 20 minutes after Mrs Iris Butler, the mother of the two brothers, had alerted police.

A coastguard shore search was launched and after a telephone conversation with the secretary of the Plymouth lifeboat squad at 9.50pm, it was jointly decided that the lifeboat was not required.

Asked about his initial concern for the boys, Mr Billing said: "It was not a distress situation. It was what we would call an 'uncertainty' situation."

He said speedboats were "very frequently" reported overdue but in most cases they arrived safely. He could not justify calling out the lifeboat at the time of the conversation.

Mr George Rounce, the duty district coastguard officer, took over the operation soon after 10.30pm. The Fowey lifeboat was launched at 11.10pm, and the Plymouth lifeboat was launched 21 minutes later.

Mr Phillip Reid, aged 59, a retired major in the Royal Marines, now secretary of Plymouth lifeboat group, said that when he was called by the coastguard he felt the speedboat would be more likely to be in the Fowey lifeboat area because, from experience, he thought the boat would have drifted to the west.

He suggested the coastguard contact the secretary of the Fowey lifeboat, which could be on scene 30 minutes earlier. He admitted, however: "We considered a number of scenarios and it could have been anywhere within 35 miles of Looe in any direction."

Kevin was found three or four miles to the west of Looe Island.

WPC Deborah Tall said the lifejacket worn by Edmund Davies was in "poor condition".

The inquest continues today.

Whitehall staff 'are leaving for more pay'

By David Walker
Public Administration Correspondent

A Treasury official has given his superiors a public warning that Whitehall principals are abandoning the Civil Service because their living standards are "well below" contemporaries in other jobs.

He says housing costs in London are so high that young Civil Servants do not enjoy the same standard of life as their superiors did when they were in lower grades.

Mr Nicholas Holgate, regarded as an up-and-coming official, says in an article in the journal of the First Division Association — the senior administrators' union — that his superiors should pass the facts on to ministers.

Until 1983, he says, an entrant to the Civil Service from a university background might have been able to afford a flat in London. Now they require savings equivalent to two-and-half years of their disposable income, and even then there is a substantial gap between the price of available housing and the maximum mortgage their salary commands.

"In the end many resign because they realize their living standards are well below those of their contemporaries."

Poll tax boycott call to student conference

By Sam Kiley, Higher Education Reporter

Students will be called upon to boycott the community charge in a nationwide campaign of civil disobedience designed to "defeat the poll tax" at the bi-annual National Union of Students conference which begins today.

The conference will also consider how best it might head off the Government's proposals to introduce student loans while freezing the maintenance grant.

The main "poll tax" motion, tabled by the School of Oriental and African Studies, London University, calls upon the union executive to organize the first co-ordinated campaign against the community charge in Glasgow next term.

Normally decisions taken at the conference are binding on the executive.

Sources said, however, that a co-ordinated campaign encouraging people to break the law could be resisted from inside, and "prove very embarrassing as they try and to take on the Government on loans and vouchers".

There has been a surge in student political activity after the publication of the White Paper on top-up loans for students.

Analysts agree that motions attacking the Government on the poll tax, its education policy and the possible introduction of tuition fee vouchers, and on student loans are likely to commit the union to organising a series of demonstrations and possibly civil disobedience campaigns of a sort not seen since 1968.

A student union source said yesterday: "Students are undergoing a process of political awakening after a period of some apathy".

The executive still favours the selective lobbying of members of Parliament.

Man has used fire for 1.5m years

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Evidence for the earliest use of fire by prehistoric man almost 1.5 million years ago, for cooking meat, is reported today from one of the world's most important archaeological sites.

The delicacies of the day appear to have included roast antelope, warthog, zebra and baboon.

The details described in the latest issue of the scientific periodical, *Nature*, come from an analysis of fossils from the Swartkrans caves in southern Africa.

Recent excavations of the caves by scientists from the Transvaal Museum in Pretoria, and the University of Cape Town, uncovered pieces of bone that seemed to have been altered by fire.

They were obtained from the part of the site where evidence had previously been established of the presence of early man up to a million and half years ago.

Although some distinctive characteristics of burnt bone and tooth surfaces have been described by other researchers, the identification of heavily encrusted objects as having been burnt on a campfire is difficult.

So the scientists experimented with fresh bones, examining the histological, or cell, structure, and chemical changes that occurred when they were heated to various temperatures and cooled slowly.

When analysed by forensic science tests under the microscope, the bones that remained intact were comparable with the changes detectable on the fossil remains. The changes happened at moderate temperatures that would be expected from a caveman's wood fire.

More than 270 fossil pieces were scrutinized, and it was inferred from the structural and colour changes that some 46 were lightly cooked at below 300 degrees and others between 300 and 400 degrees, and others up to 500 degrees.

Only indirect evidence had been obtained previously suggesting that fire might have been used by primitive man a million years ago in the form of unusual magnetic measurements obtained from sediments.

The heat from fire can alter the magnetic characteristics of minerals.

With the new fossils there is also evidence of cut-marks on the bones suggesting that butchery was practised as well.

The scientists suggest that the use of the fire primarily as protection against predators and for warmth remained a possibility. Nevertheless, the findings extend the date by which man clearly used fire by about another 500,000 years.



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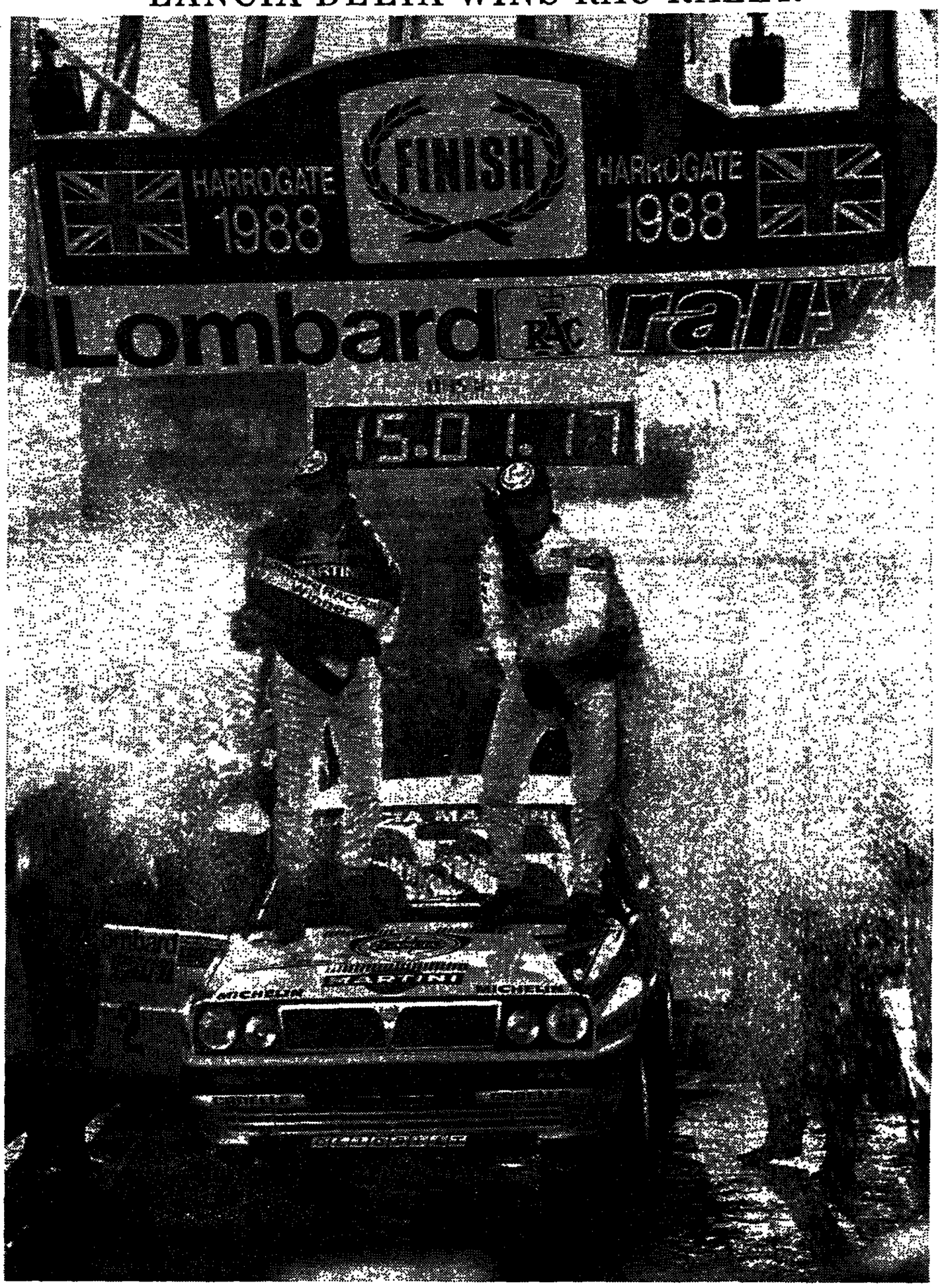
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Brewers praised for effort to reduce drunken driving

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

With the pre-Christmas blitz on drink-driving due to be launched on Monday, ministers from the Home Office and the Department of Transport are discussing suggestions from the police that they should be given unfettered discretion to breath test anyone they wish.

The Government has not ruled out the possibility of introducing random breath testing but Mr Peter Bottomley, the transport minister in charge of the anti-drink driving initiatives, sees no need for it at present.

He argues that the police have all the powers they need.

Ministers are claiming significant success in cutting what Mr Bottomley calls "the link between throttle and bottle" without changes either in funding or the law.

Drink-driving figures are falling faster in Britain than practically anywhere else in the world and Mr Bottomley says brewers deserve the largest share of the credit.

Department of Transport studies show that 52 per cent of drivers and riders in the 20-24 age group killed in accidents in 1978 were over the legal blood-alcohol limit. The figure has dropped to 29 per cent.

In the four years after random breath testing was introduced in New South Wales, Australia, alcohol-related fatalities on roads dropped from 40 to 34 per cent. In the comparable period in Britain they fell from 36 to 27 per cent for drivers and from 29 to 22 per cent for motor-cyclists.

In Britain 67 per cent more drivers and riders involved in "injury accidents" were tested in 1987 than in 1986, but 8 per cent fewer failed the test.

Mr Bottomley said that when breath tests were introduced 21 years ago it was considered normal to drink and drive. "Now 95 per cent look on themselves and their families as potential victims of the drinking and driving of others."

He added: "That social change has come. We are beginning to make drinking and driving as socially unacceptable as smoking in church, chapel, mosque, temple or synagogue".

The minister, whose office resembles more a school study with drink-driving posters on the walls and a fridge full of non-alcoholic beers and soft drinks, said the turnaround in attitudes was an example of "Thatcherism in action".

There had been no new legislation and no change in sentencing policy. The answer had proved to be shared responsibility, he said.

The traditional response of government to a problem, he said, was to ask what law could be changed.

"Would it have been better to lower the legal limit? Or there is random testing. That has not been ruled out.

"The police would like to have unfettered discretion and the Home office and Transport Department are considering that. The only people the police can't test at the moment are those they know have not been drinking."

Mr Bottomley said: "The real aim in this game was to quadruple the sales of alcohol-free beers and lagers".

The success of the campaign can be measured by the fact that alcohol-free or low-alcohol beers and lagers, the so-called Nablabs, are now available in almost every public house in Britain.

In 1986 Britain's brewers produced 150,000 barrels of Nablabs.

This year they are producing 600,000 barrels.

The value of the trade has risen from £20 million to £90 million and this year brewers are spending £15 million on advertising non-alcoholic or low-alcohol drinks.

What irritates the Ministry of Transport is that while publicans and brewers have made it fashionable to meet the needs of their customers, restaurants do not.

It is estimated that 30 per cent of restaurant customers drive after their meal, but four out of five restaurants do not stock alcohol-free lager or beer.

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Train crash inquiry launched



British Rail staff moving a carriage from one of two InterCity trains which crashed in heavy rain west of Central Station, Newcastle upon Tyne, on Wednesday night. Four people were recovering in hospital yesterday after the trains caught each other a glancing blow as they passed on adjacent tracks. Neither train was thought to be travelling above 15mph.

Eleven people were hurt and a woman aged 79 suffered shoulder and spinal injuries in a fall while being led from the scene on Wednesday night.

Mr Chris Dickinson, British Rail area manager, said there were between 300 and 400 passengers. Most were forced to walk to safety along the track to the station.

A British Rail inquiry into the crash will be followed by a full Department of Transport investigation.

Damages to rock stars

A nightclub in Windsor, Berkshire, which cancelled a week of shows by Sixties' rock stars because they did not attract the crowds, was ordered yesterday in the High Court to pay them £27,181 damages.

The owners of Blazers nightclub were also left with an estimated £30,000 bill for costs after Dave Dee, Dozy, Beaky, Mick and Titch and four other groups sued over the cancelled contract.

Mr Justice Rose ruled Adengrove Productions had no excuse for cancelling the shows, booked for March 1986.

Christmas clampdown on Scots roads

By Kerry Gill

Motorists who venture on to the roads of Scotland after drinking will do so at their peril, according to the Association of Chief Police Officers (Scotland) whose traffic standing committee yesterday launched an anti-drink driving campaign. Mr Andrew Sloan, chief constable of Strathclyde police and chairman of the committee, said that more drivers than ever before could expect to be tested over the Christmas and new year period.

The Scottish campaign, which officially begins today, will last until January 9. Dumfries and Galloway constabulary have called on the public to report any driver who they believe may have been drinking to excess and Fife constabulary has introduced a policy of testing every driver involved in a moving traffic offence.

The association has stopped short of calling for random tests.

£858,000 Picasso triples its estimate

SALEROOM

by Sarah Jane Checkland
Art Market Correspondent

Picasso maintained his position in the limelight at Christie's on Wednesday night when his "Nature Morte aux Cartes-a-Jeu et Peches" fetched £858,000, nearly triple its estimate. It was a record for a twentieth-century drawing.

Produced at Avignon in 1914, when the artist was working on a series of lyrical still-lifes, it comprises Cubist shapes on plain paper. It was bought by a private buyer.

The Picasso featured in a highly successful sale of 125 drawings, sculptures, prints and posters from the collection of Douglas Cooper: a connoisseur who died in 1984.

A rugged plaster of a pin-headed man by Alberto Giacometti doubled its estimate at £660,000, selling to a London dealer, while a pencil study by Fernand Leger for his painting "La Mere et L'Enfant" more than doubled its estimate at £143,000.

The sale totalled £3 million, triple what had been expected. Proceeds will finance the publication of a *catalogue raisonne* of the rest of the Cooper collection, as well as an operation to trace artworks stolen from Cooper's home, the Chateau de Castille in the South of France, in 1974.

Both Sotheby's and Christie's produced records for contemporary artists in London yesterday. "A Neat Lawn", a classic Californian painting by David Hockney, fetched £352,000 at Sotheby's, overtaking his previous record 12 months ago by £90,000.

Jean Atlan, a French painter who turned to abstraction in 1947, also arrived in the big league when his "Le Tao" fetched £396,000 (£300,000 more than estimate), selling to a French private buyer. Although he had little success in Europe during his lifetime, there is a powerful group of six wealthy buyers determined to buy his work today.

Top price at Christie's contemporary sale was £418,000 (upper estimate £220,000) for the American artist Alexander Calder's "Blue Boomerang", a classic mobile. £132,000, a record and £100,000 above estimate, was achieved for a bronze by Joseph Beuys, the German artist who died in 1986.

There was disappointment at the first Impressionist and modern Australian paintings sale at Christie's, South Kensington, when the star lot — a picture by John Peter Russell of silhouetted trees overlooking a lakeside — failed to sell at £200,000 (estimate £250,000 to £300,000).

Staff blamed French officials who prevented export until last night, resulting in potential buyers not being able to view the lot.

The highest price was £132,000 for Charles Edward Conder's "On the River Yarra", painted near Heidelberg, Victoria.

Weekend food prices

Cost shock in store for lovers of roast beef

Lovers of roast beef could be in for a shock when they buy their joints this weekend. Topside, silverside and boneless sirloin are up 8p-13p a lb. In the South-east the average price of boneless sirloin is £3.79 a lb with a range of £2.59-£5 a lb.

Forerib on the bone at an average £1.85 a lb is the most economical choice as it is the same price as two weeks ago. Rump steak, which was down 10p a lb last week to £3.66 a lb is back to £3.76 this week. Boneless brisket and braising steak are down 2p a lb in the South-east and unchanged elsewhere. Best mince is up 1p-2p a lb.

Home-produced lamb prices are on an upward spiral. The average price of whole leg is £1.94 a lb in the South-east and £1.82 in the rest of England and Wales. Loin chops and whole shoulder are also up 2p a lb, but best end and chump chops should be cheaper than last week.

Whole shoulder of lamb, boned and stuffed with onions, mushrooms and herbs, will make a tasty meal for about £1 a lb. Many cuts of New Zealand lamb are a little cheaper, including leg, best end and loin chops.

Although some cuts of pork are more expensive it is still good value. There is something to suit all pockets from stuffed belly at 84p a lb to boneless loin chops or piece at about £2.08 a lb. Whole legs costs about £1.23 a lb and boneless shoulder about £1.26 a lb. Pork marries well with apple, pineapple, orange, clementine, tangerines or satsumas which are all plentiful at this time of year.

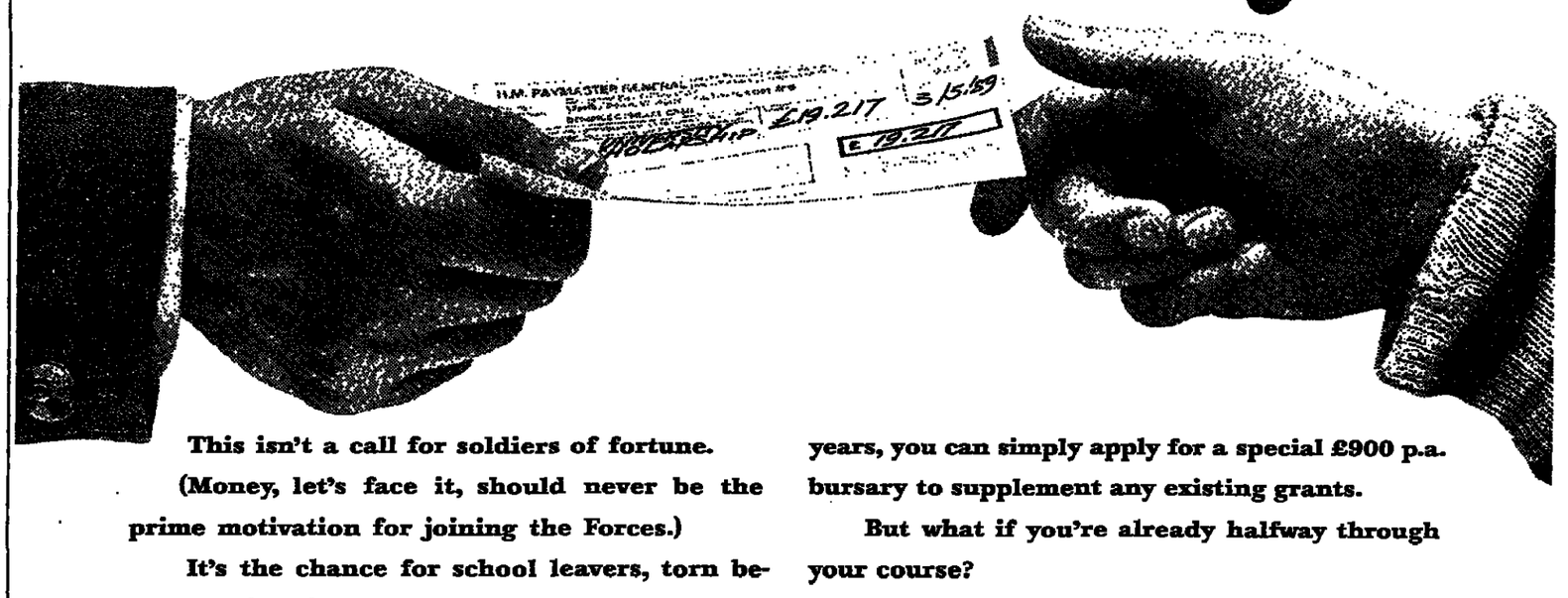
Best meat and poultry offers in shops and supermarkets this week include: Presto forerib of beef £1.79 a lb; Asda pork chops (fresh or frozen) £1.19 a lb, forerib of beef £1.95 a lb, pack of four chicken drumsticks 99p a pack; Safeway forerib of beef £1.79 a lb, boneless pork chops £1.88 a lb and self basting turkey 57p a lb; Tesco whole leg of New Zealand lamb £1.29 a lb and boneless rolled stuffed belly of pork 84p a lb; and Sainsbury's fresh chicken up to 3½lb in weight 62p a lb.

Potatoes at 12p-25p a lb are now the largest single source of Vitamin C in the British diet and, contrary to popular belief, they are not fattening, containing just 76 calories per 100gm.

It is the cream cheese and butter we add which does the damage to the waistline, according the Fresh Food and Vegetables Information Bureau. Cabbages at 14p-35p and brussel tops continue to be superb. Calabrese broccoli from Spain, Italy and Jersey costs from 55p-95p a lb.

Best salad buys are Spanish and Canary Island tomatoes at 30p-55p a lb, spring onions 25p-45p a bunch and Chinese leaves 35p-65p a head. Round iceberg and red varieties of lettuce are also available.

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WORLD ROUNDUP

Swoop on Mafia in US and Italy

Washington (Reuter) – American and Italian police began arresting more than 200 people in Italy and the United States yesterday in a joint operation against Mafia drug traffickers. The US Federal Bureau of Investigation said that 75 people had been charged here and 133 in Italy.

The FBI said that the arrests were the culmination of a three-year under-cover operation which involved court-authorized telephone tapping, surveillance and drug purchases to collect the evidence. The arrests were made in eight cities in the US and nine in Italy, and the list of names involved is described as a "who's who of mobsters on both sides of the Atlantic". Those held are accused of involvement in a ring which used women to smuggle heroin, sometimes hidden in their underwear, between Sicily and the US.

Two Indians expelled

Islamabad (Reuter) – Pakistan yesterday ordered two Indian diplomats to leave the country within 24 hours, state television reported.

The move was a tit-for-tat after India expelled Pakistan's top defence attaché in Delhi, Brigadier Zahi-ul-Islam Abbasi, and an assistant, accusing them of spying. The TV station named the two Indians as B. D. Sharma, a consul in Karachi, and Rumesh Kumar, a junior diplomat at the embassy here.

Rebuff for Hawke

Belgrade – Yugoslavia has rejected an Australian ultimatum for the extradition of a security guard who fired shots during a demonstration in front of the Yugoslav consulate in Sydney, injuring a boy. It said that there would be reciprocal measures if Australia carried out its threat to close the consulate (Desaa Trevisan writes).

The Yugoslav Government insisted that by failing to provide adequate police protection when the consulate was besieged by over 1,000 protesters the Australian authorities left guards no alternative but to fire in self-defence.

'Ivan' lawyer attack



Jerusalem – Mr Yoram Sheftel, right, the Israeli lawyer defending the convicted Nazi war criminal, John Demjanjuk, had a bottle of acid thrown in his face yesterday by a man aged 70 who lost all his family at the Treblinka concentration camp (Ian Murray writes).

It was there that Demjanjuk earned notoriety as the sadistic Ukrainian guard known to inmates as "Ivan the Terrible".

Mr Sheftel was taken to hospital and it will not be known for several days whether or not he has lost the sight of his left eye. His assailant, identified by police as Mr Yisrael Yehezkeli, was taken into custody.

The attack took place at the funeral of Mr Dov Eitan, the former district court judge who earlier this year agreed to work with Mr Sheftel on Demjanjuk's appeal against the death sentence passed on him by the court here last April.

Mr Eitan fell to his death from the 15th floor of an office building in the centre of Jerusalem on Tuesday. Police suspect that he jumped from the building.

Reagan honours aide

Washington – President Reagan yesterday announced that he was promoting Lieutenant-General Colin Powell, his National Security Adviser, to be a full four-star general and commander-in-chief of the US Army Forces Command at Fort McPherson, Georgia (Michael Binyon writes).

General Powell, aged 51, who will leave the White House on January 20, will have more than a million soldiers under his command at the country's largest base. The general, who was warmly praised by President Reagan yesterday, will be the only black four-star general on active service.

Ryan controversy casts shadow at Rhodes summit

Irish stoke up terrorism row

From Richard Owen, Rhodes

As Mrs Thatcher flew to Rhodes last night for the two-day EEC summit here under Greek chairmanship, European officials began a counter-attack on suggestions that Belgium and Ireland – and by implication other EEC countries – have been shown to be "soft on terrorism" in the row over extradition.

"We are getting fed up with this," one Irish official said as Mrs Thatcher prepared to meet Mr Charles Haughey, the Irish Prime Minister, in bilateral talks this morning before the summit opens.

Mrs Thatcher will also hold separate talks with Chancellor Helmut Kohl of West Germany and Mr Ruud Lubbers, the Dutch Prime Minister.

"There is a limit to reasonable restraint in the face of unreasonable abuse," the Irish official added.

EEC officials expressed dismay over Britain's abstention from the United Nations vote deploring Washington's decision to refuse a visa to Mr Yassir Arafat, the PLO chairman.

Mr Karolos Papoulias, the Greek Foreign Minister stirred further controversy by proposing in an interview with the Spanish daily *El Pais* that Mr Arafat should be invited to the Rhodes summit and given the platform denied him in New York.

It was not clear whether this had the backing of Mr Andreas Papandreou, the Prime Minister and summit host, whose Government, with unfortunate timing, seems to be falling apart at the seams as the summit leaders assemble.

The leaders are meeting in the fortified Gothic castle of the Knights of St John.

Officially the summit, marking the end of the Greek presidency, is to consider Europe's place in the world, progress at the halfway mark towards completion of the Single Market in 1992, and the need to avoid a protectionist Fortress Europe.

But because of the extradition row between Britain, Belgium and Ireland over Patrick Ryan, terrorism is the subject of corridor debate, and could well end up on the official agenda.

Some delegations said as they arrived that the Ryan case should not be allowed to overshadow the proceedings. "Who is this Ryan?", one German official demanded testily. "Twelve heads of government have not gathered to discuss one former Irish priest."

The Ryan affair has received little prominence here, particularly because Mr Papandreou's troubles have gripped public attention almost exclusively. For many Greeks, the focus of interest is the fact that Mr Papandreou's statuesque mistress, Miss Dimitra Liani, a former Olympic Airways stewardess, is to be his official companion.

None the less, Greece is as concerned as other states to prove that it is committed to the European fight against terrorism, despite allegations that Greece offers an "easy option" for terrorist activities.

Other countries also argue that their record displays a consistent determination to fight terrorism through EEC and international co-operation. Belgium pursued and caught its own terrorist group, the CCC (Fighting Communist Cells), and the ringleaders were recently given stiff jail sentences.

Dr Wilfried Martens, the Belgian Prime Minister, nevertheless faces Mrs Thatcher's displeasure over Ryan. Unlike Mr Haughey, he is not holding separate talks with her, though one diplomat said he would probably have preferred to "have a session in the headmistress's study and get it over with".

EEC officials acknowledge that extradition procedures between EEC countries require "considerable improvement" if cross-border co-operation against terrorists and other criminals in 1992 is to work. But in the Ryan case, many continental officials support the Belgian and Irish contention that the British extradition requests were not properly prepared and lacked the necessary specific detail.

In an interview in the Belgian daily *Le Soir* yesterday, Mr Melchior Wathelet, the Belgian Justice Minister, said he respected Mrs Thatcher, but he accused her of double standards in the Ryan case. She had attacked the lack of co-operation in the EEC over terrorism but was putting on the brakes in other areas of 1992 integration.

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Mr Andreas Papandreou, the Greek Prime Minister, leaving yesterday with Miss Dimitra Liani for Rhodes, where he is to host the EEC summit and she will be his official companion.

Moscow opens door for 120 refuseniks

By Nicholas Beeston

The Soviet authorities have told 120 Soviet refuseniks, who have been denied exit visas because of their security classification, that they are no longer classified and should reapply for emigration.

"The assumption is that they will be allowed to go once they reapply," said Mr Lawrence Littlejohn, the executive director of the National Council for Soviet Jewry.

The 120 who have been told to make fresh visa requests represent about half of the refuseniks with security classification. Mr Littlejohn added that the news was greeted as a breakthrough yesterday by delegates attending the international conference of the World Council for Soviet Jewry in Israel.

Mr Leonid Shabashov, a former employee at the Institute of Physical Chemistry, who is now a secondary school mathematics teacher in Moscow, has been waiting since 1974 for permission to leave with his family.

He was informed this week that he would be allowed to go. Observers said that the move by Moscow was probably prompted by President Gorbachov's eagerness to improve his country's human rights image before his visit to Washington this month.

It coincided with an announcement by the Intergovernmental Committee on Migration in Geneva yesterday which showed that Jews are leaving the Soviet Union at the highest rate since 1980.

In November 2,284 left, slightly fewer than in October, but the pace remains stronger than for most of this decade. More were allowed to leave last month than in 1983-84 or 1985-86. So far this year 16,572 Jews have been given exit visas, the most since 1980 when 21,470 left. The highest annual total was 51,330 in 1979.

Among the more prominent refuseniks told to reapply were Mr Yuli Kosharovski, the longest emigration applicant, who first put in a request to leave in March, 1971; Mr Roald Zelichenok, a former prisoner; Mr Yevgeny Lein and his wife, Irina; the convener of the unofficial scientific seminar, Mr Yuri Cherniak; and Mr Vladimir Kislik, who had been detained in a psychiatric hospital.

● WASHINGTON: In a significant concession, Moscow has stopped jamming all broadcasts to the Soviet Union by the US-financed radio station Radio Liberty and by two other foreign stations (Michael Binyon writes).

The move, a week before Mr Gorbachov's US visit, brought swift praise here, and is seen as a necessary step toward the convening of a human rights conference in Moscow in 1991.

With the end of jamming of the Munich-based station, Israel Radio and Deutsche Welle, the West German overseas transmissions, the Soviet Union has now ended interference with all foreign broadcasts for the first time since the early 1950s.

Jamming of the BBC, reimposed in 1980 as the Polish crisis escalated, was lifted in January, 1987, and the Voice of America was allowed through unimpeded in May, 1987.

The White House said that it welcomed the Soviet action as a positive development which it hoped was permanent. The statement said that the free flow of information was the cornerstone of the US human rights policy, and President Reagan had repeatedly raised the issue at summit meetings with Mr Gorbachov.

Arabs in UN bid to woo Britain

From James Bone, New York

Arab states at the United Nations have phrased their proposal to shift the General Assembly to Geneva in order to hear Mr Yassir Arafat, the Palestine Liberation Organization leader, in language that makes it likely that Britain will support the move.

The British recorded the sole abstention on Tuesday night when the assembly voted 151-2 to urge the United States to reverse its decision to withhold a visa from Mr Arafat and so bar him from travelling to New York to address the annual UN debate on Palestine. Britain objected to a paragraph which "deplored" the US action.

But in its proposed follow-up resolution the Arab group at the UN is expected to request the assembly to reconvene in Geneva on December 13-15 in purely technical language. An informal draft has been circulated.

The two-paragraph resolution will simply refer to the vote to deplore the US action, and ask the assembly to relocate the debate on Palestine, which was to have taken place in New York yesterday, but was postponed after Washington refused Mr Arafat a visa on the ground of his association with Palestinian terrorism.

The US has said it does not oppose the General Assembly moving outside New York, and will abstain in the vote.

The resolution that was passed required the UN Secretary-General to report any new developments to the General Assembly by last night.

Arab delegations, however, held out little hope yesterday that the American decision would be reversed.

Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, reiterated in a satellite press conference on Wednesday that he would not change his mind. He said: "If the thing I am remembered for most is a strong and great resolve to resist and combat terrorism, I won't feel that is a blot on my record. I'll feel that is a proud achievement."

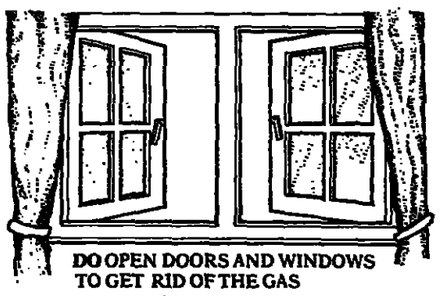
If the US does not change its decision, the Arab states will ask the assembly to approve their proposal to hold the Palestine debate in Geneva.

Mr Abdullah Salah of Jordan, the chairman of the Arab group, hopes to have the General Assembly vote on the proposal today. But UN officials say that procedural requirements are likely to delay the historic decision at least until Monday.

Because the move has financial implications, the draft resolution has to be reviewed by an internal budgetary board which will then report to a full committee of the assembly. That committee will then adopt the text to be approved by the body.

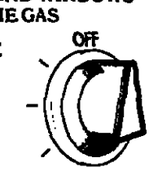
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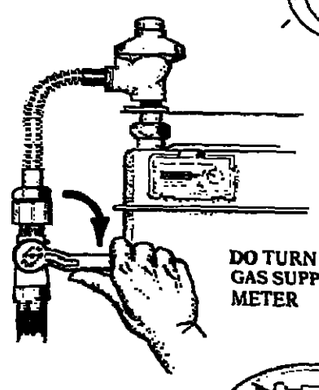
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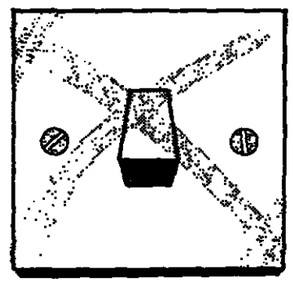
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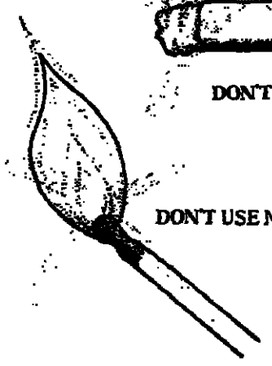
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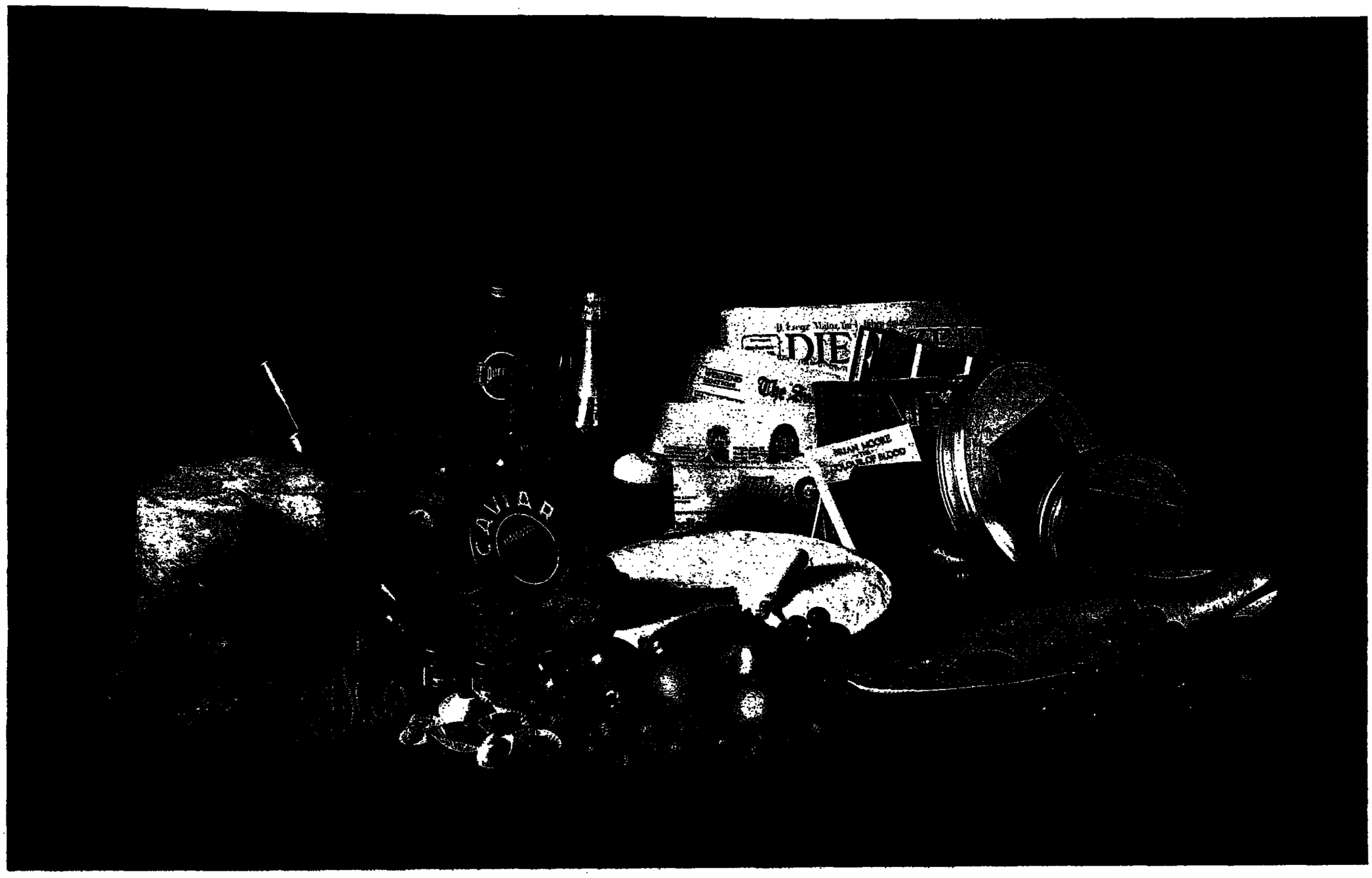
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Europe rebuts US accusations over Nato defence costs

From Michael Dynes, Brussels

Nato defence ministers yesterday unveiled their long-awaited response to US congressional criticisms that the European allies are not shouldering their fair share of defence costs.

In an 80-page document analysing the defence spending record of Nato's European members, drawn up in an attempt to dampen the smouldering row between the US and Europe over how the defence burden of the alliance should be divided, its European members strenuously defended their past record.

The report, *Enhancing Alliance Collective Security*, argues that, while defence spending has not been as high as the US would like, some European member states have nevertheless had to shoulder additional burdens, such as conscription and hosting military exercises, not easily quantifiable in hard cash.

This is particularly acute for West Germany, which already hosts an average of 5,000 Nato exercises annually, in the face of public criticism, particularly over low-level flights.

But the report, in an attempt to appease congressional critics, does acknowledge an urgent need for European member states to enhance resources and improve efficiency in order to obtain increased mileage from the existing funds.

Although the report does not mention by name those Nato members which have failed to reach the recommended defence spending of 3 per cent of gross domestic product, the report's figures clearly show that Denmark, Italy, Spain, Luxembourg and Canada have consistently failed to reach the target.

General Wolfgang Altenburg, the chairman of Nato's military committee, who presided over the release of the report, announced that defence ministers had agreed to set up two working parties.

These would look into the feasibility of establishing a multinational airborne division, and examine the extra burden being shouldered by Bonn.

The proposed airborne division, an idea favoured by the West German Defence Ministry, would be drawn from West German, British, Belgian and Dutch forces, and would become part of Nato's operational reserve.

It would act as a frontline "air cavalry" force against the Warsaw Pact. The working party is expected to report back to defence ministers in one year.

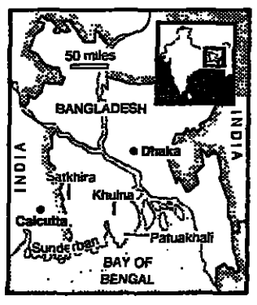
Ministers hope that the creation of the division will help to defuse congressional criticism over the vexed issue of burden-sharing, which is expected to become one of the key transatlantic issues when the new US Administration takes office in the new year.

The Allies have already agreed to pay part of the cost of transferring 72 US F16 fighter-bombers from Spain to Italy, projected at more than £174 million, which is expected to take place by the early 1990s.

● BONN: Chancellor Kohl told the Bundestag yesterday that, although East-West German relations had improved, they were burdened by the East German Government's inflexibility on reform efforts as well as violations of human rights.



A mother grieving for her 10-year-old child who was among those killed by the hurricane at Khulna in southern Bangladesh.



Millions homeless in Bangladesh

Dhaka – More than seven million people have been made homeless and probably thousands were killed by Tuesday's hurricane which left a trail of destruction, misery and death on the alluvial plains of southern Bangladesh, officials said yesterday (Ahmed Fazl writes).

Rescue workers looking for survivors in the districts of Satkhira, Khulna and Patuakhali, which bore the brunt of the storm, said mangled bodies littered a landscape of devastation on the Bay of Bengal coast.

Red Crescent volunteers recovered the bodies of more than 950 victims, mostly crushed under uprooted trees and power lines and flattened houses.

Senior relief ministry officials said 20,000 people were still missing yesterday from coastal villages fringing the Sundarban mangrove forests and outlying islands. Hopes for their return were fading, they said.

"We have yet to make contact with Dublar Char (island) where at least 8,000 fishermen have been trapped since Monday," Kazi Feroz Rashid, State Minister for Relief, said.

Temporary reprieve for killers of Gandhi

Delhi (AP) – The Indian Supreme Court yesterday blocked the executions of two Sikhs condemned to death for the 1984 assassination of Mrs Indira Gandhi.

The decision, on a request by a son of one of the condemned men, came 14 hours before Satwant Singh, aged 30, and Kehar Singh, aged 54, were to hang.

The stay will remain in effect until Tuesday to give the panel of five Supreme Court justices time to hear an appeal by Kehar Singh's son, challenging President Venkataraman's refusal last week to grant clemency without reviewing the merits of the case, it was reported.

The decision came just hours after the justices rejected defence lawyers' petitions in the Supreme Court and the Delhi High Court seeking to block the hangings, which had been scheduled for 8 am today.

Relatives who briefly visited the prison before the decision yesterday described the two men as calm and resigned to their fate.

Security in the capital and the neighbouring state of Punjab had been stepped up for fear Sikh militants would carry out new violence if the men were executed.



Sino-Soviet détente

Chinese visit sets scene for summit

From Our Correspondent, Moscow

Mr Qian Qichen arrived here yesterday for the first visit to the Soviet Union by a Chinese Foreign Minister in more than 30 years.

The minister, who is to meet President Gorbachov today, is in Moscow to prepare for a Sino-Soviet summit that would seal the reconciliation between the two communist giants which split for ideological and geostrategic reasons in the 1960s.

Mr Qian, who speaks fluent Russian, said in a written arrival statement that he hoped to continue progress on resolving the Cambodian conflict during this three rounds of negotiations with Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, his Soviet counterpart.



Mr Qian speaking at Peking airport yesterday.

"What is gratifying to us is the gradual improvement in Sino-Soviet relations in recent years," he said. "I sincerely hope that my current visit will achieve its desired result."

Mr Shevardnadze noted the "new quality" of bilateral relations in a short conversation with reporters before Mr Qian's regular China Air Lines flight touched down.

The Soviet minister declined to give a date for his scheduled visit to Peking, and also refused to say when President Gorbachov was likely to travel to China. But the Deputy Foreign Minister, Mr Igor Rogachev, indicated that a summit date could be announced at the end of the current visit. It is generally assumed that Mr Gorbachov will travel to Peking in the first half of next year.

Mr Qian left Peking saying a concrete timetable for a Vietnamese withdrawal from Cambodia was still an outstanding problem.

Mr Rogachev, asked what more Moscow could do to put pressure on the Vietnamese to accelerate their withdrawal, said: "Nothing more." The deputy minister, who has just returned from a tour of Indo-China, said that the pull-out of the estimated 120,000 Vietnamese soldiers "depends on Vietnam".

But he added that, concerning the Soviet and Chinese positions on Cambodia, "every time, we get closer".

The Chinese want the Vietnamese to have completed their withdrawal from Cambodia by the end of next June at the latest. The Kremlin, for its part, wants China to use its influence with the Khmer Rouge, the main military faction in the Cambodian resistance alliance.

Mr Shevardnadze also indicated that Afghanistan would be on the agenda of the current talks.

● PEKING: Mr Qian said before leaving for Moscow that his task was "to promote the process of normalization between the two countries" (Catherine Sampson writes).

He said at Peking airport that the focus of his discussions would be the Cambodian issue, but he implied that whatever the progress on Cambodia, the wheels were already in motion for a summit.

He reiterated the Chinese proposal that Vietnamese troops, backed by Moscow, should withdraw from Cambodia by the end of next June. He acknowledged continuing differences on the issue, but said both China and the Soviet Union had made it clear that they were willing to work to bring about an end to the 10-year conflict.

Art thief repents

New York (AP) – An Impressionist painting worth more than $1 million (£546,000) that was stolen last weekend from the Heckscher Museum was recovered in New York City when a tearful thief telephoned police to confess his possession of Edouard Manet's "Bouquet of Peonies". But the thief was not remorseful enough to give himself up, although he directed police to the painting hidden in a laundry room in a block of flats in the Borough of Queens. The 1880 Manet is a still life of flowers in a vase lent to the Heckscher by its anonymous owner.

US bases deal

Madrid (AP) – Spain and the US signed an eight-year defence agreement that stipulates the withdrawal of 72 F16 fighter-bombers but guarantees continued use of bases.

Back to prison

Santo Domingo (Reuter) – A former Dominican President, Señor Salvador Blanco, sentenced *in absentia* to 20 years for corruption, was jailed on returning from the US.

Short terms

***Quito* (Reuter)** – President Borja of Ecuador has reduced the sentences of paratroops jailed for kidnapping his predecessor, Señor León Febres Cordero, last year.

Spanish riot

***Madrid* (Reuter)** – Youths clashed with police as thousands of teenagers protested against economic policies.

Hostage offer

Lyons – A French grandmother, Mme Brigitte Valente, offered herself as a hostage to a Palestinian group for her daughter, Jacqueline, and three baby girls seized from a yacht 13 months ago.

Dalí better

Barcelona (AP) – Doctors said the Surrealist painter Salvador Dalí, aged 84, had slightly improved despite heart trouble aggravated by blood clots in the left lung.

Full treatment

Rawson, Argentina (AFP) – An armed robber disguised as a doctor tried to rob a hospital payroll, but was overpowered by a nurse who knew judo.

Mine blast

Hong Kong (AP) – A gas explosion in a coalmine in north-east China killed 45 workers and injured 23.

Women protest in Jerusalem as politicians manoeuvre

Shamir finds a coalition deal elusive

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Prime Minister of Israel and the Likud leader, has promised the country a new government by Monday which "will serve the people and state faithfully".

These are brave words. A month after all the election votes have been counted, it is still far from clear that anyone can yet claim victory.

The words seemed even braver early yesterday morning after the Labour Party announced that it had reached an agreement overnight with one ultra-Orthodox religious party, Agudat Yisrael, to work together in coalition.

With the support of its five members, Mr Shimon Peres, the Labour leader, hopes he can command at least 60 seats in the Knesset (Parliament) and so block Mr Shamir from power. Even that, however, remains far from sure.

What does seem certain is that the next Israeli government, whatever its composition, will be hamstrung by the conflicting demands of its coalition partners.

Mr Shamir is currently in the driving seat because President Herzog calculated that more of the 120 Knesset members would support a Likud-led government than one headed by Labour.

In consultations with the 15 different parties that won seats, he was told that 58 members backed Likud compared with 55 for Labour. Two religious parties, with seven seats between them, refused to opt for either.

On paper Mr Shamir's chances of success looked good. Likud had 40 seats and ought to have been able to rely on the seven members elected for three extreme-right parties. This left him needing support from 14 of 18 seats won by four religious parties to obtain an overall majority of 61.

But his attempts to woo the religious parties have alarmed Jews around the world and have led him to try to form a new coalition with Labour.

The offer he made to Mr Peres was one that the Labour leader did not want to refuse. His deputy, Mr Yitzhak Rabin, was even more convinced that the party should join Likud to save the country from the more extreme demands of the right-wing and religious groups.

But a narrow majority of Labour's policy-making bureau refused on Wednesday evening — as one new young Knesset member put it — "to act as Likud's servants". If Labour could not be an equal partner in a new coalition, the bureau decided it should go clearly into opposition.

Mr Shamir, who believed he had succeeded in capturing Labour, was desperately disappointed, but quickly promised to form a new government and launched a four-hour meeting with Shas — with six seats, the biggest religious party — which ended with it signing a coalition agreement.



Francine Klagsbrun, right, from New York carrying a Torah (Bible) scroll as she and other members of the American Congress sang and prayed at the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem, Judaism's holiest shrine, yesterday.

More than 50 women, attending the first international Jewish feminists' conference, were demanding equality in the male-dominated Jewish ritual (Reuter reports from Jerusalem).

The protest roused the anger of ultra-Orthodox rabbis, one of whom said: "A woman carrying a Torah is like a pig at the Wailing Wall."

In return for its support, Shas was promised the Housing and Interior ministries and given an undertaking that Likud would introduce legislation to limit Jewish nationality to those converted according to ultra-Orthodox rules.

That was the easy part. Mr Shamir hopes that he will not have too much trouble either in signing up the hawkish National Religious Party, even though its leaders would prefer to sit in a broad coalition.

That gives Mr Shamir 11 of the 21 seats he needs over and above Likud's 40 for an overall majority. He has profound problems, however, in collecting the other 10 seats.

Even if he succeeds, so deep are the differences between the various parties that it is difficult to see such a coalition lasting a full four-year term.

In contrast, Mr Peres has relatively few problems with his potential coalition partners, provided he does not promise to introduce religious legislation. If he does, he could lose some of his natural allies.

Pakistan emergency ended

Triumphant Bhutto is named Prime Minister

From Anatol Lieven, Islamabad

Miss Benazir Bhutto is the new Prime Minister of Pakistan, President Ishaq Khan announced on state television last night, and will be sworn in today.

She is the first woman Prime Minister of a Muslim state, and thus receives vindication for her executed father, the former Prime Minister, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, and for her own imprisonment, exile and persecution under General Zia.

The President also announced that the state of emergency and the Emergency Council, which have existed since General Zia's death in August, are to be abolished immediately.

This will be a weight off the mind of Miss Bhutto's Pakistan People's Party (PPP), as it had been feared that the council might continue as a form of supervision of her Government. The possibility still exists, however, of a national defence committee, including the Chiefs of Staff, to "advise" her on security matters.

The President said that he had named Miss Bhutto as Prime Minister because she was the choice of the nation. He praised her education, character and patriotism.

He said that, since no party had secured an absolute majority, some elderly political leaders had suggested a coalition government. He himself thought this was the best solution, but it was a matter for the Leader of the House to decide.

But the President added that he found no real difference in the manifestos of the main parties, and that the people's welfare could be protected only if government and opposition became used to operating in an atmosphere of mutual understanding.

In a key phrase, given the likelihood of conflict between Miss Bhutto's central administration and the provincial government of her Islamic Democratic Alliance opponents in Punjab, the President said: "No one can deny that good relations between the federation and the provinces are a must for a successful federation."

He added that "unconditional attachment to Islam is essential for national unity".

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Observers have felt that the PPP will have to be very careful about reversing any aspect of General Zia's Islamization policies.

As Miss Bhutto is sworn in as Prime Minister today, the four provincial assemblies will also be chosing their chief ministers.

Sind will certainly fall to the People's Party, which holds an absolute majority in the assembly. The alliance appears to have gained an absolute majority in the largest province, Punjab, with the help of independent MPs. In the short term, the PPP looks like facing a destabilizing tussle, with potentially dangerous consequences for peace between Punjabis and the pro-PPP Sindhi community.

In Baluchistan, where the seats are divided between four main parties and several independents, a coalition appears likely, including the alliance and led by the Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam religious party. But there remains a faint possibility of an alliance-PPP coalition. In North-West Frontier Province, the People's Party has been trying for a coalition with the local Awami National Party, led by veteran Pathan nationalist Wali Khan.

A link between the two parties might create a problem between the People's Party and the security forces, as the ANP has had good relations with the communist regime in Kabul, and has been strongly opposed to President Zia's support for the Mujahidin rebels in Afghanistan.

In the National Assembly, the PPP is set to take a small absolute majority with the help of independent and tribal and minority representatives.

The alliance in the assembly appears in a state of some confusion and was unable yesterday to agree on a leader of the opposition.

The immediate economic hopes of many ordinary people are running high. But some PPP leaders are arguing in private for an austerity programme to deal with the country's budget deficit and foreign debt, and the threat of inflation.

Mr Ishaq Khan is almost certain to remain as President. The alliance has proposed his name for the elections due on December 12, and it is highly unlikely that the People's Party will oppose him.

Mr Ishaq Khan and General Aslam Beg, the Chief of Staff, have clearly decided to give Miss Bhutto's Government a chance — which is not the same thing as saying that they will not take over again.

Envoy will try to turn pro-Arab tide in Britain

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent

Israel's new Ambassador to London, Mr Yoav Biran, has taken office at a time when British public sympathy is running strongly in favour of the Palestinian cause.

The declarations of the Palestine National Council, implicitly recognizing Israel's right to exist and renouncing terrorism have influenced the attitude of all 12 EEC countries, including Britain.

Jerusalem has given an articulate and engaging diplomat the task of trying to stop the pro-Palestinian drift in Britain, but his starting point could hardly be less encouraging. London has just taken the rare step of distancing itself from Washington on an important policy issue, expressing "regret" at the decision to refuse a visa to Mr Yassir Arafat, the Palestine Liberation Organization chairman, to speak at the United Nations General Assembly.

It is ready to consider an Arab proposal to move the UN's Middle East debate to Geneva to overcome the ban. And it is considering the possibility of resuming ministerial meetings with the PLO, suspended since 1983.



Mr Biran: Says PLO lives by the gun and the bomb.

In an interview with *The Times* after presenting his letters of credence to The Queen, Mr Biran, aged 49, implicitly urged the Government not to take this step.

"I think one should judge any development on the basis of the question 'Does it help the peace-making process?'," he said. "To make any move towards the PLO is not conducive towards the peace effort and therefore is counter-productive, and any serious and responsible government ... should think very carefully before making such a move, which would be very unhelpful."

Asked why should the British not view the Algiers declarations as evidence of moderation by the Palestinians. Mr Biran said: "We agree that the resolutions are presented in a very moderate language, that the discussions and debate which preceded (them) created an atmosphere that something meaningful was happening, and I can understand why the PNC resolutions on the face of it may look like something promising.

"But when you look seriously into the content you find that there is no progress, that they stick with prior positions, although they present them in a nicer package."

He said that the Palestinians had not changed their aim of establishing a state covering the whole of Palestine, including the territory of Israel. The PNC proclamation of an independent state, which the Foreign Office described as "premature", was assumed in Europe to refer to the West Bank and Gaza. But Mr Biran argues that subsequent clarifications by Palestinian moderates have shown that it was intended to include the entire territory.

A statement by Mr Arafat apparently renouncing violence was also misinterpreted. The PNC had not set aside a statement Mr Arafat made in 1985 excluding military action against Israel from its definition of terrorism. "So it is a play on words. From their point of view the terrorism against Israel and in the (occupied) territories remains a legitimate and acceptable sort of behaviour.

"Since Arafat is the chairman of Fatah ... which took responsibility for terrorist acts, I think they do not deserve the privilege of addressing the UN. So on the reading of the PNC statements, we beg to differ with Britain and with some other European countries. We feel that the PLO is an organization that still lives by the gun and by the bomb."

The current differences follow more than a year of sustained criticism by Britain.

The Foreign Secretary, Sir Geoffrey Howe, opened the attacks in a speech to a fringe meeting of the Conservative Party conference in 1987. Mr David Mellor, then Minister of State at the Foreign Office, visited Gaza and made criticisms which outraged Jerusalem. His successor, Mr William Waldegrave, recently suggested Israel was sleepwalking to disaster.

Mr Biran remarked: "Some of Mr Mellor's utterances were really uncalled for. As for the recent reference to Israel as 'sleepwalking', we didn't make a big fuss out of it. I can accept that one may differ with us, (but) we weren't too impressed by an attempt to describe our behaviour as one over which we have no control. We take full responsibility for our behaviour."

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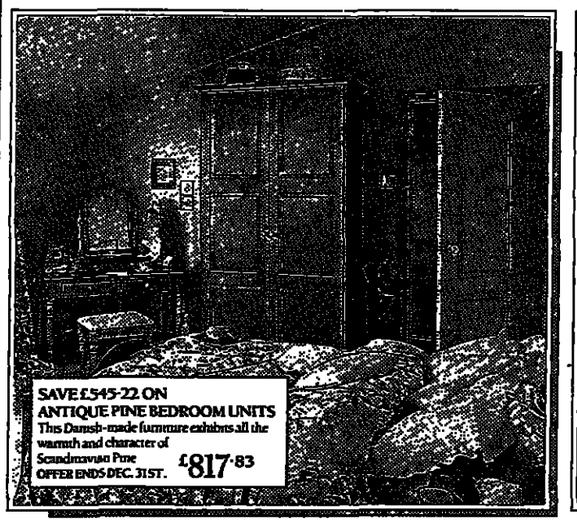
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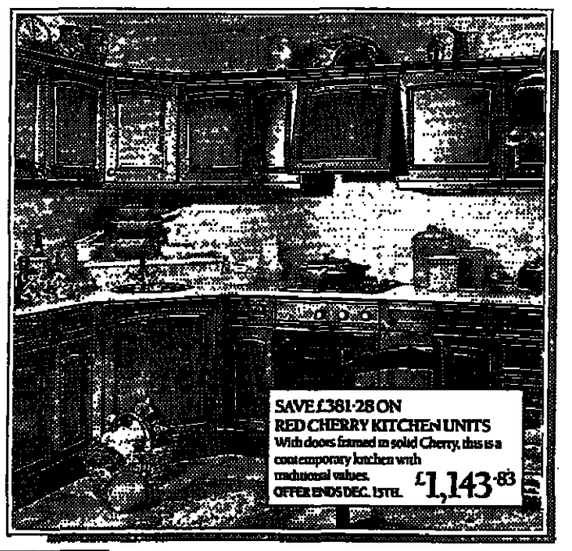


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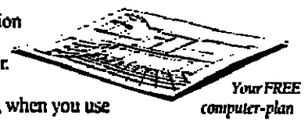
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Japanese minister hints at quitting in share scandal

From Joe Joseph, Tokyo

A senior Cabinet minister has indicated he may resign because of his links with the share profiteering scandal that is rocking the Japanese Government.

Mr Kiichi Miyazawa, the Finance Minister and Deputy Prime Minister, hinted strongly yesterday that he was ready to go if it would quicken the passage through Parliament of crucial tax reforms on which Mr Noboru Takeshita, the Prime Minister, has staked his own political future.

The sacrificial hint came after Mr Miyazawa had testified falteringly before a parliamentary committee investigating how leading politicians, aides and businessmen were offered privileged access to shares in the Recruit Cosmos real estate company. The value of the shares swelled when they were later listed on the stock market.

Although aides to Mr Takeshita and to his predecessor, Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, were among those favoured by the company (aides are the traditional middlemen in Japan for channelling funds to MPs), Mr Miyazawa was the only Minister whose name appeared on the list of stock recipients. He says he is innocent and has not benefited from the deals.

So far no one has suggested any crime was committed, rather that MPs and bureaucrats compromised themselves by accepting favours from Mr Hiromase Ezoe, the former chairman of the company.

However, Tokyo public prosecutors are investigating the case and some of the deals may have broken stock exchange rules.

What political fall-out further revelations might have in Japan is difficult to guess. Mr Kakuei Tanaka, the former Prime Minister who was accused of taking bribes from the Lockheed aircraft company, remained a power behind the scenes long after he was eased from office; and the Lockheed scandal did not break the Liberal Democrats' stranglehold on power.

What Mr Miyazawa is really paying for is being so grudging and graceless about revealing how his name got entangled in the scandal. This is not, as opposition MPs protest, for eroding the public's trust in politicians: most Japanese, used to the blur between business and politics, find the suggestion laughable.

The costs of being a politician in Japan, like the cost of everything, is astronomical, and the Japanese know how most of their representatives resolve the dilemma. What has jolted them are revelations that top civil servants — who are expected to keep their palms ungreased, if only because they are often more influential than ministers — have taken the company's money, too.

The noose around Mr Miyazawa's neck tightened yesterday when, under questioning from opposition MPs, he substantially revised the story of how he got involved in the mess. It was not the first time he had retold the tale, each new explanation forced out by the pace of events rather than by any transparent urge to clear the mystery and his name.

Each time the blame was vested in his aide, Mr Tsuneo Hattori. Mr Hattori at first could not remember what had happened at all; then he recalled that he had allowed a business associate to use his boss's name to buy the shares; now Mr Hattori remembers that he bought all the shares for himself, although he has misplaced the transaction certificates.

The Finance Minister, who is aged 69 and appears to have realized that his dream of becoming Prime Minister is over, has decided to make the best of the mess by offering himself as a bargaining chip.

He says all he wants is to steer through the overhaul of Japan's tax structure and that he is "ready to step down if this issue is considered a hindrance to the passage of the tax reform Bills. That is my only concern, and therefore I have no intention of clinging to my present Cabinet position."

But Mr Miyazawa, as Finance Minister, is the chief sponsor of the tax legislation. To lose him now could derail the already tight legislative timetable for passage of the controversial tax Bills. Also, such a blatant confession of guilt might refire the opposition's flagging zeal for the scandal.

It may be Mr Takeshita's intention to keep the ship afloat until the end of the year, when he was planning to shuffle his Cabinet anyway.

Tokyo — The Japanese Government plans to give a new year's present of about 100 million yen (£448,000) to every village and town in the country (Reuter reports). Officials said that the equivalent of £1.4 billion would be given to local authorities and they would decide how to spend the money. The funds are expected to be used largely for local development projects.

Brothers in arms meet in Mexico



President Castro of Cuba being embraced by his Nicaraguan counterpart, Señor Daniel Ortega, in Mexico City yesterday, where the two were attending a reception for international leaders during the inauguration of Señor Carlos Salinas de Gortari as President of Mexico for a six-year term.

Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, was flying in shortly before the ceremony as observers mused whether he might bump into, or try to avoid, Presidents Castro and Ortega (Phil Davison writes).

It was President Castro who stole the show from the moment he arrived on Wednesday evening. Still walking ramrod straight in his usual fatigues and towering above the Mexicans there to welcome him, he was returning to the city where he lived and planned his revolution before sailing for Cuba 32 years ago.

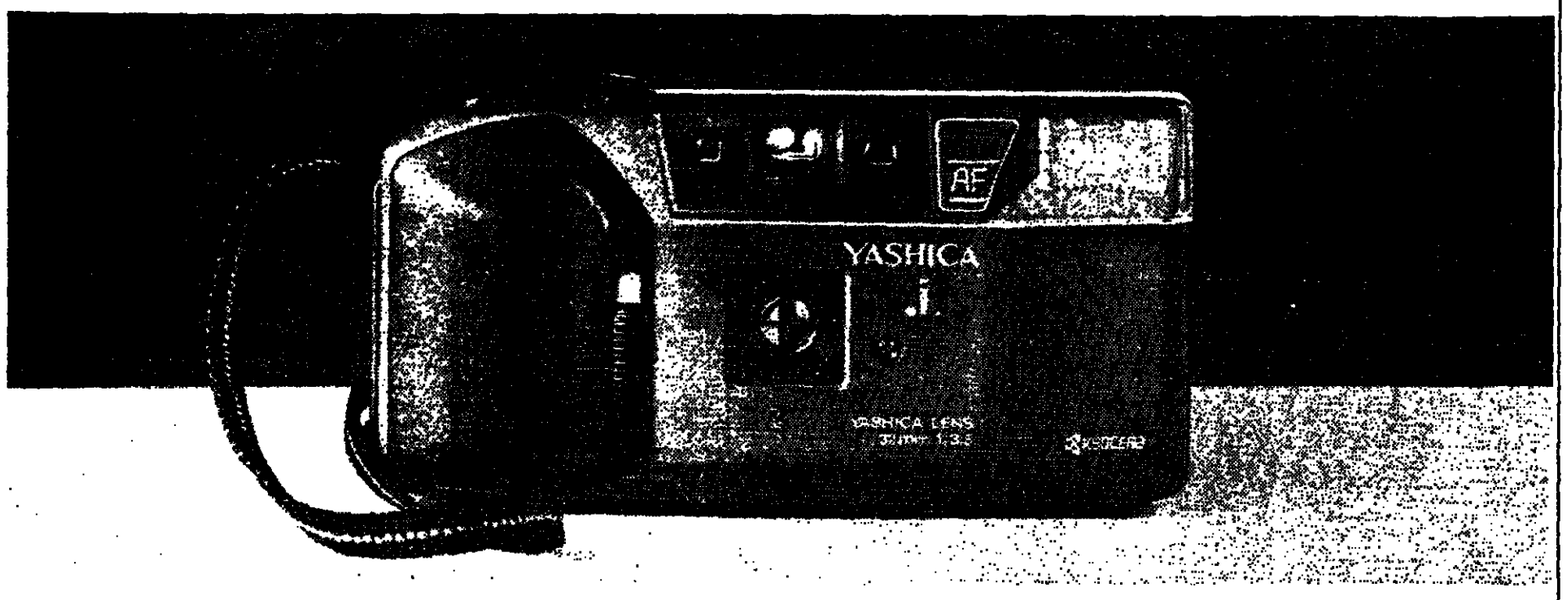
There was widespread criticism in Mexico from right-wing opposition and business circles over the invitation extended to the Cuban and Nicaraguan leaders. Some business chiefs said that this sent a bad signal to Mexico's key Western trading partners and creditors.

On the other hand, left-wingers were surprised that President Castro had accepted an invitation to the inauguration of what they see as an illegal leader, who they say was "imposed" through massive electoral fraud in July.

President Salinas gave some solid clues about his plans when he announced his Cabinet on Wednesday night, appointing a respected banker, Señor Fernando Solana Morales, as Foreign Minister, and Señor Fernando Gutiérrez Barrios as Interior Minister. Other key ministers include:

Defence Señor Antonio Riviello Bazán; Finance and Public Credit Señor Pedro Aspe Armella; Planning and Budget Señor Ernesto Zedillo Ponce de León; Commerce and Industrial Development Señor Jaime Serra Puche; Agriculture and Water Resources Señor Jorge de la Vega Domínguez; Communication and Transport Señor Andrés Caso Lombardo; Public Education Señor Manuel Bartlett Díaz; Health Señor Jesús Kumate Rodríguez.

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Conflict in Malaysia

Judicial reshuffle test for Mahathir

From M.G.G. Pillai, Kuala Lumpur

The appointment of Tan Sri Abdul Hamid Omar, the Chief Justice, as the new Lord President of the Malaysian Supreme Court, has provided another test of wills between Malaysia's nine hereditary rulers and Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamed, the Prime Minister.

Tan Sri Hamid was appointed after informal negotiations during the Conference of Rulers in Kuala Lumpur last month, but for a term limited to three years. He is aged 59 and normally could have been expected to be in office until he was 65.

Informed sources said that Tan Sri Hamid had the support of six rulers, but to get a consensus they agreed to a three-year term.

Tan Sri Hamid was chairman of the judicial tribunal that dismissed his predecessor as Lord President, Tun Salleh Abas, and it was he who brought the charges against five Supreme Court judges who also faced dismissal at a judicial tribunal. Two of them were dismissed.

Appointments to the judiciary have to be referred to the rulers, who have vetoed or delayed appointments in the past. A woman judge had to wait for nearly two years for her appointment because the rulers felt that a woman should not impose the death sentence. She was eventually appointed on condition that she was not assigned to the criminal division.

Datuk Seri Mahathir could not get the rulers to agree to the appointment of Tan Sri Abu Talib Osman, the Attorney General, as Chief Justice. The Attorney General's role in the action against Tun Salleh and the five judges was not viewed kindly by the rulers or by the Bar Council.

An official statement said that the Chief Justice would be appointed by the new Lord President. But the appointment of Tan Sri Hashim Yeop Sani as acting Chief Justice would make it difficult to appoint the Attorney General.

The Conference of Rulers also decided in informal discussions that the Sultan of Perak, who was Tun Salleh's predecessor as Lord President, would succeed the Sultan of Johore as Malaysia's King for five years next April. There had been some doubt that he would be elected, but tradition prevailed and five other rulers supported him.

The King is elected every five years by the rulers, in rotation and by seniority. Since independence, no ruler who has wanted to be king has been denied it, although at least one was discreetly persuaded not to stand.



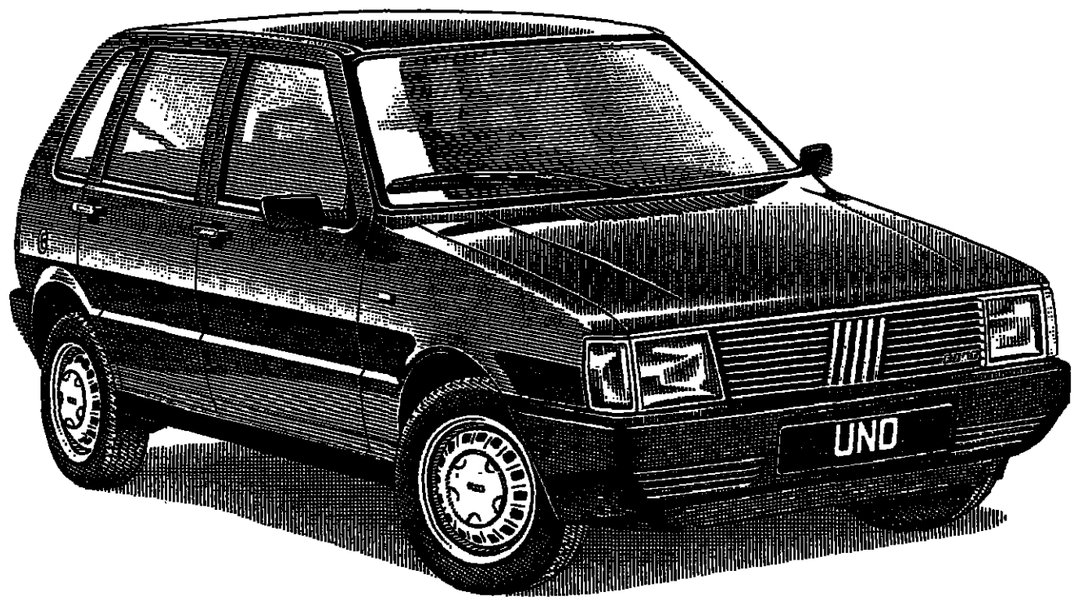
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MPs' anger over Ryan

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The Opposition's anger with Mrs Thatcher over her comments on the Patrick Ryan extradition case and the anger of Conservative MPs with the Belgian and Irish authorities was made clear to the Attorney General when he was questioned about the case in the Commons.

The Labour Front Bench referred to the Prime Minister's "hysterical outburst" and another Labour MP said that Mrs Thatcher had prejudiced the prospects of a fair trial for Father Ryan.

A Conservative backbencher accused the Irish and Belgian governments of double-crossing Britain.

Mr John Morris, shadow Attorney General, asked how the Prime Minister's hysterical outburst on Tuesday had assisted the case for future extradition.

Belgium and Ireland were sovereign states and could not be treated like erring Cabinet ministers.

There was a difference in the practices in each country and it would have been better if the Attorney General had advised the House first rather than allowing the press to be briefed on his behalf, with the consequent dangers of prejudicing a fair trial.

"He knows my support for him in extradition cases and he has acknowledged it, but why can he not get his act right? What has become of the Home Secretary's promise that the Director of Public Prosecutions would ensure personally that warrants were checked for accuracy and sufficiency?"

Would the Attorney General confirm that on Wednesday, when the draft warrants arrived, the Irish Government lawyers had pointed out a number of serious flaws and that on Thursday the Irish Attorney General's officials had telephoned urging that corrected material be sent over?

If Patrick Ryan had been wrongly arrested, could that not have put future extradition procedings at risk? In any event he would have had to be released late on Sunday had he been arrested on a provisional warrant on Friday.

Could there be confirmation of reports that it was the Irish Government which suggested the possibility of an advance warrant and material, should things go wrong in Belgium?

"The Irish seem to be at fault for five days, but the Belgians had five months."



Sir Patrick: No complaint about the documents before the Irish Attorney General

What was the position now of the close and personal relationship between the Attorney General and his opposite number in the republic?

Sir Patrick: "I utterly reject the premise which he founds his question upon, that the Prime Minister's observations on Tuesday were in any way to be criticized".

As to future applications for extradition from the republic, he hoped that lessons would be learnt from the application which might facilitate what he trusted and believed to be the objective of both governments, namely to bring persons suspected of serious offences to justice in the courts of the countries where the offences were alleged to have occured.

He had made an application for the extradition of Ryan and was waiting for the response of the Irish Attorney General. He had been asked why he did not get his act right, but no complaint or even query had been raised as to the sufficiency or propriety of any of the documents before the Irish Attorney General.

Much misleading publicity had been given about the draft warrants. These had the specific purpose of allowing comments by the Irish Government which could be incorporated in the effective warrants.

Provisional warrants had a three-day life and somebody arrested on them had then to be released unless a substantive warrant had been backed. The Irish Attorney General had already taken five-and-a-half days to consider the matter. That gave weight to the objections the British Government had raised at the end of last year to the new unilateral legislation put forward by the Irish Government.

Where somebody was suddenly arrested there would be just three days for the whole procedure to be gone through.

His relationship with the Irish Attorney General was one of trust and friendship. Each had a duty to perform, he (Sir Patrick) had performed his and he was sure Mr Murray would perform his and ensure that a decision was given quickly.

Mr Ivor Stanbrook (Orpington, C) said that Britain had been double crossed by the Irish and Belgian governments. Under the terms of the Anglo-Irish agreement the Irish had given their Attorney General the power to delay or veto any warrant provision. The Irish Attorney General had used that power to the great disadvantage of justice.

Sir Patrick said that when the power was conferred he had said that it could act as an obstacle to extradition.

Mr Robert Maclellan, Democrat spokesman home affairs, said that the Prime Minister's comments about proceedings in Ireland had not helped the cause of justice.

Sir Patrick: The Prime Minister said that the failure to secure the arrests was a matter of great concern to the British Government. It is a matter of great concern to every MP and the Prime Minister is entitled to express it.

Mr Peter Archer (Warley West, Lab) said that the Prime Minister's attempt to apply political pressure was counterproductive and prejudiced any prospect of a fair trial.

Mr James Molyneaux, leader of the OUP, said that there was now an obligation on the Dublin Government to co-operate fully in a civilized and unreserved basis.

Sir Patrick said that there was no legitmate reason why both governments could not co-operate in the fight against terrorism to which they were both committed.

Mr Merlyn Rees (Leeds South and Morley, Lab), a former Northern Ireland secretary, said that there were many people in southern Ireland who were not IRA supporters, who did not think Irish people would get a fair trial in Britain.

Sir Patrick said there was no justification for that view (Labour protests).

Mr James Kilfedder (North Down, UPUP) said that the vast numbers of people from the republic moving to Britain belied the belief they did not have any faith in British justice.

Sir Patrick said that the Irish Government did not believe that there was no prospect of a fair trial in this country.

UK officials not to blame, House told

The Prime Minister denied during questions that failure to extradite Father Patrick Ryan was any fault of the Crown Prosecution Service.

Replying to *Mr Gerald Bowden* (Dulwich, C), she said that any such suggestion was unwarranted. "The Irish authorities could have sought a provisional warrant from very early last Friday evening. The Irish Attorney General has been in a position to authorize backing of the original warrants since they arrived in Dublin early on Saturday. It is now five days since all the documents were sent to Dublin. No questions have been raised as to the sufficiency of the statements of fact and law."

***Mr John Hume*, leader of the SDLP, asked what contribution her prejudgement of the Irish authorities' attitude on Tuesday had made – before they had taken a decision in accordance with their own law. The Irish authorities had extradited 895 people to the UK during the present troubles. How did that square with her accusation that they were only interested in fine words and *not action*?**

Mrs Thatcher: **The law on extradition was changed unilaterally by the Republic of Ireland. The Attorney General nevertheless endeavoured fully to comply with the new law. It is now five days since the relevant documents were sent to Dublin.**

The case history

RYAN AFFAIR

An account of the way in which Britain has sought to extradite Patrick Ryan from Belgium and the Irish Republic was given to the Commons by **Sir Patrick Mayhew**, the Attorney General.

In response to an emergency question from Mr John Morris, chief Opposition legal spokesman, he said: The Government has sought the extradition of Patrick Ryan from Belgium and the Metropolitan Police, latterly, from the Republic of Ireland.

In the Belgian proceedings, which followed Patrick Ryan's arrest in Belgium on June 30, 1988, he said extradition had been sought on charges of conspiracy to murder and possession of explosives.

He added: The extradition of Ryan was authorized by the Belgian court of first instance on September 26, subject to the approval of the Minister of Justice and the Court of Appeal of Brussels on October 12, in respect of the two conspiracy charges.

The Ryan case then fell to be considered by the Belgian Minister of Justice. On Friday November 25, the Belgian Government refused to order extradition and ordered repatriation of Patrick Ryan to the republic.

On learning, on Friday afternoon, of the Belgian decision, and that Ryan was expected to arrive in Dublin that evening, application was made immediately by the Crown Prosecution Service at Bow Street court for fresh warrants for Ryan's arrest, as is necessary to comply with Irish requirements.

They were issued late that afternoon and and facsimiles were delivered to the Irish authorities in Dublin at 6.20 that evening.

Facsimilies of the documentation which the Irish Attorney General requires under the provisions of the Irish Extradition (Amendment) Act, 1987, were transmitted to his department between 4.30 and 6.30 that evening.

On Friday, the Metropolitan Police had requested the Gardai to obtain provisional warrants, pending the arrival in Dublin of the warrants from Bow Street. They were delivered to the Irish authorities in Dublin in the early hours of Saturday, but no provisional warrants were, however, sought.

My department was in touch with the its counterpart in Dublin on Friday night, with a view to enabling me to speak to Mr Murray, the Irish Attorney General, because we had learnt from the Metropolitan Police that they had been told by by the Gardai that no action was to be taken on any warrant until the two attorney generals had spoken.

I spoke to Mr Murray for the first time when he telephoned me at 10.30 on Monday morning. He informed me that he was still considering the documentation. I drew attention to the risk that Ryan might discharge himself from the clinic where he was undergoing treatment and asked him to take an early decision.

Mr Murray acknowledged that risk. I told him that if there was any problem or any question was raised I would be immediately available. No question as to the adequacy of any of the documentation sent to him for the purposes of the 1987 Act has been raised with me. I understand that Mr Murray is still considering the application.

Before the effective warrants were obtained on Friday, warrants in draft form were, on Wednesday November 23, submitted to the Irish Attorney General's Office.

This followed a helpful practice, for which I am grateful, that has been developed between the two departments, the law and practice in relation to warrants being different in the Republic of Ireland from that of England.

These documents were sent on a contingency basis, lest the Belgians decided to repatriate Ryan. The draft warrants did not constitute the sending of a request for extradition. The very purpose of sending drafts to the Irish is to allow them to comment on the form of the warrants. Irish officials, apart from drawing attention to minor details and certain presentational matters, expressed themselves satisfied with the form of the warrants. The Bow Street warrants took account of those comments on Friday.

The Irish authorities alerted us on Saturday to an omission by the Bow Street chief clerk of a date in the certificate accompanying the warrants. This omission, which we were advised was not a serious matter, was immediately rectified on the same day.

Thatcher threat to Post Office

The Government would have to consider the Post Office's monopoly if disruption to the post continued, the Prime Minister told MPs at question time.

She said that she deplored such action, which was extremely ungenerous at this time of year. It was also very damaging to small businesses.

Mrs Teresa Gorman (Billericay, C) had said that in the run-up to Christmas the Post Office unions were already up to their seasonal nonsense of striking.

Would the Government remove the one obstacle that prevented the private sector from competing by lowering the threshold from £1 to 10p so that private networks could afford to compete?

Mrs Thatcher said that the Post Office had a monopoly and if such things continued, the Government would have to consider precisely what Mrs Gorman had said, reducing the monopoly from £1.

Ministers 'at risk'

During questions on agriculture, **Mr Dennis Skinner** (Bolsover, Lab) raised the possibility that the Chancellor of the Exchequer was suffering from tunnel vision as a result of an infection by bovine spongiform encephalopathy.

He asked whether people who ate large quantities of meat were affected and whether the disease, also known as spongy brain, could be passed on.

He suggested that ministers who attended large banquets could be affected.

Mr Donald Thompson, Parliamentary Secretary for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, rejected the suggestion. He said that the disease had not affected meat, and could not be passed on by that means.

Parliament next week

The main business in the House of Commons next week is expected to be:

Monday: Elected Authorities (Northern Ireland) Bill, second reading.

Tuesday: Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Bill, second reading.

Wednesday and Thursday: Water Bill, second reading.

Friday: Debate on the multi-fibre arrangement.

The main business in the House of Lords is expected to be:

Tuesday: Children Bill, second reading.

Wednesday: Debates on consumer debt and on help for the mentally ill and mentally handicapped.

Thursday: Debate on the ban on broadcasts by terrorists.

Parliament today

Commons (9.30): Debate on the new parliamentary building.

Plan to change RPI calculation denied

During noisy and bad tempered exchanges with the Leader of the Opposition at question time, **Mrs Thatcher** emphasized that there were no immediate plans to exclude mortgage payemts from the Retail Price Index. The proposal had been put to an advisory committee in the past and the committee had rejected it.

Mr Neil Kinnock asked the Prime Minister whether she agreed with the Chancellor of the Exchequer that mortgage interest payments should be withdrawn from the RPI.

Mrs Thatcher: I understand that the Chancellor made clear that there were no immediate proposals to exclude mortgage interest payments from the Retail Price Index.

There is an advisory committee on the RPI which considers any changes. We include mortgage interest payments in the RPI as very few other countries do. It obscures the underlying trend and produces the perverse effect that tightened monetary policy produces an illusory rise in monetary inflation.

But it is there. It does give a perverse effect both when the RPI goes up and when it goes down.

PRIME MINISTER

If mortgage interest payments were excluded something else would need to be put into the RPI to replace them.

Mr Kinnock said that the Opposition remembered when there had been "no immediate proposals" to break the link between pensions and earning or freeze child benefit.

"Against that background of mendacity, who can believe that the Prime Minister (Conservative protests). It is true, it is true (Conservative shouts: Withdraw). Who can believe that the Prime Minister does not want to take mortgage interest payments out to the RPI?"

Mrs Thatcher: We remember when there was a promise to increase pensions by either the amount of inflation or by having regard to earnings – and the pensioners got neither. The actual increase under Labour was too great for Labour to honour their promise and they did the biggest cheat on the pensioners ever known.

Mr Kinnock: That was a pathetic cheat from the Queen of Frauds.

If housing costs did not figure large in the Thatcher family they did figure large for the families of the rest of Britain. Any Retail Price Index that did not include mortgage interest payments would be fraudulent. Was that what made it attractive to the Prime Minister?

Mrs Thatcher: The biggest fraud on the pensioners cost them the equivalent of £1 billion in 1976 under Labour. Pensioners now have far more certainty

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Minister grants conditional permission

Rig debris to be blown up

The following report of the second reading debate in the Commons on the Petroleum Royalties (Relief) and Continental Shelf Bill appeared in later editions yesterday.

The Government has conditionally approved a plan to blow up the remains of the Piper Alpha platform in the North Sea, which exploded in July with the loss of 167 lives, **Mr Peter Morrison**, Minister of State for Energy, told MPs.

The Secretary of State (Mr Cecil Parkinson) had given approval to Occidental, the operator of the rig, and its co-venturers.

It would be done by explosives charges that would topple the remains of the installation outwards on to the sea bed away from the pile of debris, leaving 75 metres of clear water above the remains.

However, speaking during the debate, Mr Morrison said that there were conditions attached, so final approval had not yet been given.

"These include requirements for surveys of the toppled remains and surrounding sea bed to establish the position of debris and to monitor for leakage of oil or gas."

They also required testing for the presence of polychlorinated biphenyls and radioactivity and provided for debris to be moved or removed as the Secretary of State might direct and "for any leakage of oil or gas to be sealed to his satisfaction and for steps to be taken to deal with any unacceptable levels of pollution."

He said that the decision had been taken overnight. Until his announcement, even Occidental had not been told.

The Bill would end royalties for new fields in the southern basin of the North Sea and on shore.

It implements commitments given by the Chancellor of the Exchequer and implements the agreement reached between the UK and the Republic of Ireland on the determination of the continental shelf.

During the debate, **Mr Malcolm Bruce**, Democrat spokesman on natural resources, called for an independent North Sea safety inspectorate.

He said: It is going to need greater powers and resources to carry out inspections and lay down standards if people who work offshore and their dependents are to be satisfied and their concerns allayed.

The Bill was read a second time.

N Zealand butter scheme attacked

THE EEC

EEC proposals to cut imports of New Zealand butter into the Community by about 26 per cent over the next four years were attacked by MPs from both sides of the Commons in a debate that ended early on Thursday.

Mr John MacGregor, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, said that the Government felt that the Commission's proposals represented a reasonable balance between the interests of Community producers, consumers, taxpayers and the Community's international obligations.

The proposals were not likely to have any significant effect on retail prices.

The New Zealand Government had endorsed the plan. A decision on the matter had still to be taken in the Council of Ministers.

Mr David Clark, chief Opposition spokesman on agriculture, said that if trade was to be liberalized according to the EEC's commitment, it would seem strange if, at the same time, there was a move towards restrictions on New Zealand butter.

Sir Richard Body (Holland with Boston, C): We are talking about an attack on the preferences of the British people.

Not an ounce of New Zealand butter can come into the country unless the British people have indicated their wish to buy it.

MPs agreed to take note of an EEC document on the proposals.

Peer demands parole system reform

The following report of a Lords debate on prison reform appeared in later editions yesterday.

A radical reform of the present system of parole and remission was called for by **Lord Carlisle of Bucklow** (C), who chaired the recent inquiry into the parole system.

Speaking in the debate, he said that parole and remission had led to the gap between what a judge said and what happened to a prisoner becoming too great. Existing arrangements misled the public about the length of sentences and undermined the credibility of the sentence passed.

His committee endorsed the principle of early release under supervision as being in the best interests of the individuals and society. All prisoners serving determinate sentences were going back to society, so it was better for them to go back under supervision than at the end of their sentence without any supervision at all.

His inquiry had recommended that for all sentences up to and including four years' imprisonment – the vast majority – parole and remission should be removed.

Instead, the prisoner should serve the first half of the sentence in custody and, subject to good behaviour, he should be released under supervision. After three-quarters of his sentence had been served, he should stay out of prison on conditional release until the end of his sentence. If, during that time, he committed a further offence, he should return to prison.

Peer takes seat

Lord Mackenzie-Stuart, president of the European Court of Justice, took his seat on the crossbenches in the House of Lords. He was supported by **Lord Keith of Kinkel** and **Lord Cameron of Lochbroom**.

Opening the debate, **Lord Allen of Abbeydale** (Ind), former Permanent Secretary at the Home Office, said that the treatment of offenders must be one of the criteria by which to judge a mature and caring society. At present, Britain did not pass the test with flying colours.

Conditions in some prisons were appalling. Anybody who had attended a morning's slopping-out could be forgiven for wondering if Britain had come all that far from John Howard's campaign two centuries ago.

For the Opposition, **Lady Ewart-Biggs** said that the recent Green Paper *Punishment, Custody and the Community*, on alternatives to custody, did not contain much that was new, except for electronic tagging.

The Government had a duty to elevate public attitudes away from the primeval desire for punishment and retribution towards a commitment to deal with those who broke the law in a more constructive, creative and humane way.



Lady Ewart-Biggs: Call for humane treatment

Lord Hutchinson of Lullington (Dem) said that Crown courts sentenced a higher proportion of young offenders to custody than male adults. The result of that oppressive approach had been a re-conviction rate of 66 per cent.

"Under the banner of law and order, the state is actively breeding offenders."

Lord Irvine of Lairg, for the Opposition, proposed a sentencing commission consisting of judges, magistrates and interested bodies to examine the aims of sentencing and proper imprisonment.

Lord Ferrers, deputy Leader of the House, said that he would give this idea consideration.

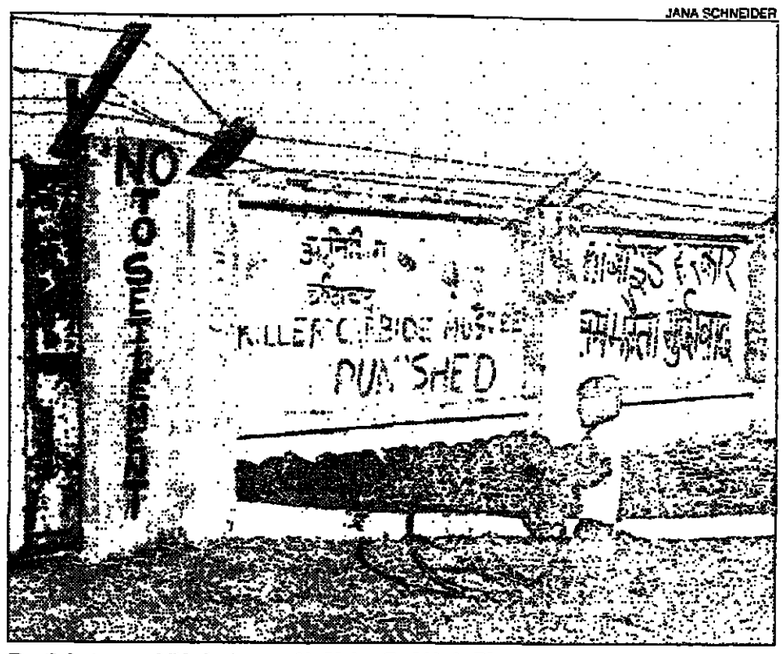
Violent and serious offenders must get long prison sentences. Less serious offenders should be dealt with as far as possible within and by the community. The use of custody for juveniles should be limited as far as possible.

SPECTRUM

Dying and deserted

Four years ago the world's worst industrial accident killed 3,000 people and left 26,000 seriously ill in the Indian city of Bhopal. Why has compensation still not been paid? Edward Gorman reports

JANA SCHNEIDER



Death factory: a child playing outside Union Carbide in Bhopal and (right) the daubed gates

There can be few more moving memorials to the dead — and, in this case, to those who are still dying — than the simple concrete figure opposite the ghost-like shell of the Union Carbide pesticide plant.

It is of a peasant woman, her head thrown back in agony with one hand clamped over her burning eyes, the other grasping the lifeless form of her dead child. She is in the act of running, facing away from the factory towards the shanties or *jhuggis* which line the road opposite the plant where so many of the victims of the deadly methyl isocyanate gas were poisoned to death on the night of December 2, 1984.

Like so many in their terror that night, she is making the fatal, if understandable, mistake of running downwind of Union Carbide towards the city where the lethal contents of Tank 610 was concentrating in the chilly and damp midnight air.

The inscription on the rough plinth which the slum dwellers sweep and clean reverently every morning reads: "No Hiroshima. No Bhopal. We Want to Live". In a note underneath, sculptors Ruth Waterman and Sanjay Mitra described their memorial as dedicated "... to the victims of the gas disaster caused by the multinational killer Union Carbide ..."

Today, four years after the world's worst industrial accident, when contamination of an underground tank caused a runaway reaction, sending a deadly acrid white-yellow mist over the city, which to date has killed more than 3,000 people, the American-owned factory is deserted.

The huge storage tanks have grown rusty in disuse and the spaghetti-like confection of green-orange pipes are home to flocks of birds which swirl and settle on the lifeless structure. Along the outside wall, topped with barbed wire, the people of Bhopal have daubed the slogans of anger and revenge. "Killer Carbide must be punished," reads one. Another says the company must be forced to pay interim compensation to the victims, while a third blames the Indian government for failing to provide proper medical care for the estimated 26,000 people who remain chronically ill.

On the main gate, bracketed by the words "Killer Carbide", a ghoulish face in black paint stares out with dollar signs for eyes and jail bars for teeth. The locals, proud of the display, stand willingly for photographers on what has become an annual pilgrimage to this blighted city.

In the ramshackle huts — the worst affected area, where more than 1,000 people died that night — it is not hard to find victims of the disaster. Sixteen-year-old Sunil lost his mother and father, two brothers and three sisters. He is now the head of the family with responsibility for his two-room shack, his four-year old brother Sanjay and his 14-year-old sister Memta.

Sunil survived because in the panic he ran upwind of the gas while most of his family ran the other way. He has since received 60,000 rupees (about £2,400) in assistance from the government which, he says, has been deposited in a bank and earns him an income of 500 rupees (£20 a month).

"We have sued, but there is the problem of school and clothing," he says through an interpreter. "It is very difficult for us to survive on this money." After four years of waiting for compensation, Sunil has virtually given up hope of ever seeing the money so long promised to him. "I think it will take at least four or five years more. We shall get the money if the government wins the case. But I fear the government will lose it."

Sunil has formed his own pressure group among children in the *jhuggis*, called "Children Against Carbide". His procession cum demonstration will be one of a number in the city today, marking the fourth anniversary of the disaster.

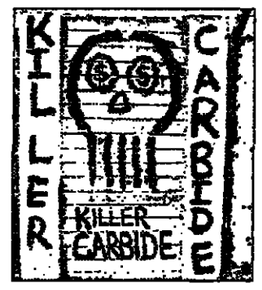
According to Indian government figures, 3,323 people have died from the effects of the gas, with a further 26,000 chronically sick and more than 500,000 affected overall. Most of the injured are suffering from the effects of lung damage. The methyl isocyanate or MIC burned the surface of the lungs, which has now healed as scar tissue incapable of absorbing oxygen. In mild cases this causes a shortness of breath; in the chronic, an inability to perform even the most simple tasks.

Dr M.P. Dwivedi, who is researching the effects of the gas, says the cellular make-up of the fluid in the lungs has also been damaged. He compares the deteriorating affects of this to the symptoms of a lifelong and very heavy cigarette smoker. "As time passes by it is hoped the problems will be reduced, but other chronic symptoms may still arise," he warns. "I think many of the victims will have to be watched for a very long time — perhaps for as long as 20 or 25 years."

Other disorders include damage to the eyes, which has reduced fine vision; gastro-intestinal and muscular problems; fatigue and neurotic disorders, which Dr Dwivedi describes as feelings of insecurity, an inability to concentrate and recurring nightmares.

It is, of course, utterly reprehensible that four years after the disaster the combined power of the Indian government and what was once one of the world's wealthiest and biggest multinational companies have failed to provide the desperately poor of Bhopal with adequate compensation.

So far, families of the dead have received a one-off payment from the government of 10,000 rupees (about £400) for each member lost and those with family members injured have received 1,500 rupees



(£60). Apart from a year-long free ration programme which was ended abruptly in January 1986, a few small-scale employment schemes and free hospital treatment, the victims have received virtually nothing.

The delay has fuelled anger and resentment here which in recent months has turned to apathy and a feeling of hopelessness. The sense of betrayal is particularly hard-felt among the hut dwellers, whose dreams of a new life were ruthlessly exploited in the first weeks after the disaster by American lawyers who swooped on the city, signing up clients and promising that millions of dollars in damages were just around the corner.

What anger remains is directed as much at the national government as at Union Carbide. Many victims and independent critics believe New Delhi is exploiting the case for political advantage, has unnecessarily delayed the legal proceedings, and should have accepted an out-of-court offer of $650 million (£336 million) by the company last October.

There is also the widespread and understandable fear that even if the government does win substantial damages, corruption, inefficiency and mismanagement — traditional and apparently ineradicable features of Indian life — will prevent most of the money reaching those who need it.

All of this is cold comfort for the victims in the slums, like railway worker Rafiq Ahmad, who was seriously ill for two years, has difficulty with breathing and suffers from memory loss. "I don't think we will ever get the money," he says bitterly. "We are angry with the government because they are feeding politically from this tragedy."

Legal toons



CRAIG BROWN

A blockbusting new film, *Who Framed Judge Cassel*, seeks to blend the two-dimensional cartoon characters of Britain's best-loved judges with real three-dimensional human beings but, writes our film critic, Craig de Brough, the mix is not always convincing.

These larger-than-life figures, who tend to play every scene for laughs, overshadow the normal human beings they are placed above, thus distracting the viewer from an understanding of their very real plight. No amount of ingenuity can convince the viewer that the "judges", with their floppy ears, red noses and outrageous "quips", could ever really be given positions of responsibility in everyday life.

The main cartoon "judge", Harold Cassel, has been an animated mainstay of many comic cartoon courtroom classics for years. Some believed that his heyday as a courtroom funster — best-known for the wackiness of his judgments, his off-the-cuff jests and his under-the-wig antics — was long past, but now he is experiencing a second wind as High Court Joker No. 1.

Who Framed Judge Cassel features Britain's most colourful cartoon "judges" in their best-loved capers, drawn from the last 40 years of high jinks in the High Court. Among those featured are Lord Justice Bertram Boop ("What IS a mini-skirt?"), Mr Justice Dumbo ("You freely admit that you are a woman, yet you complain that you were raped"), the honourable Mr Justice Tweed E. Pie ("Mr Haigh, you acted as any full-blooded male might properly have acted, and I share your outrage that the water board should have allowed acid to trickle into your otherwise scrupulously maintained bath").

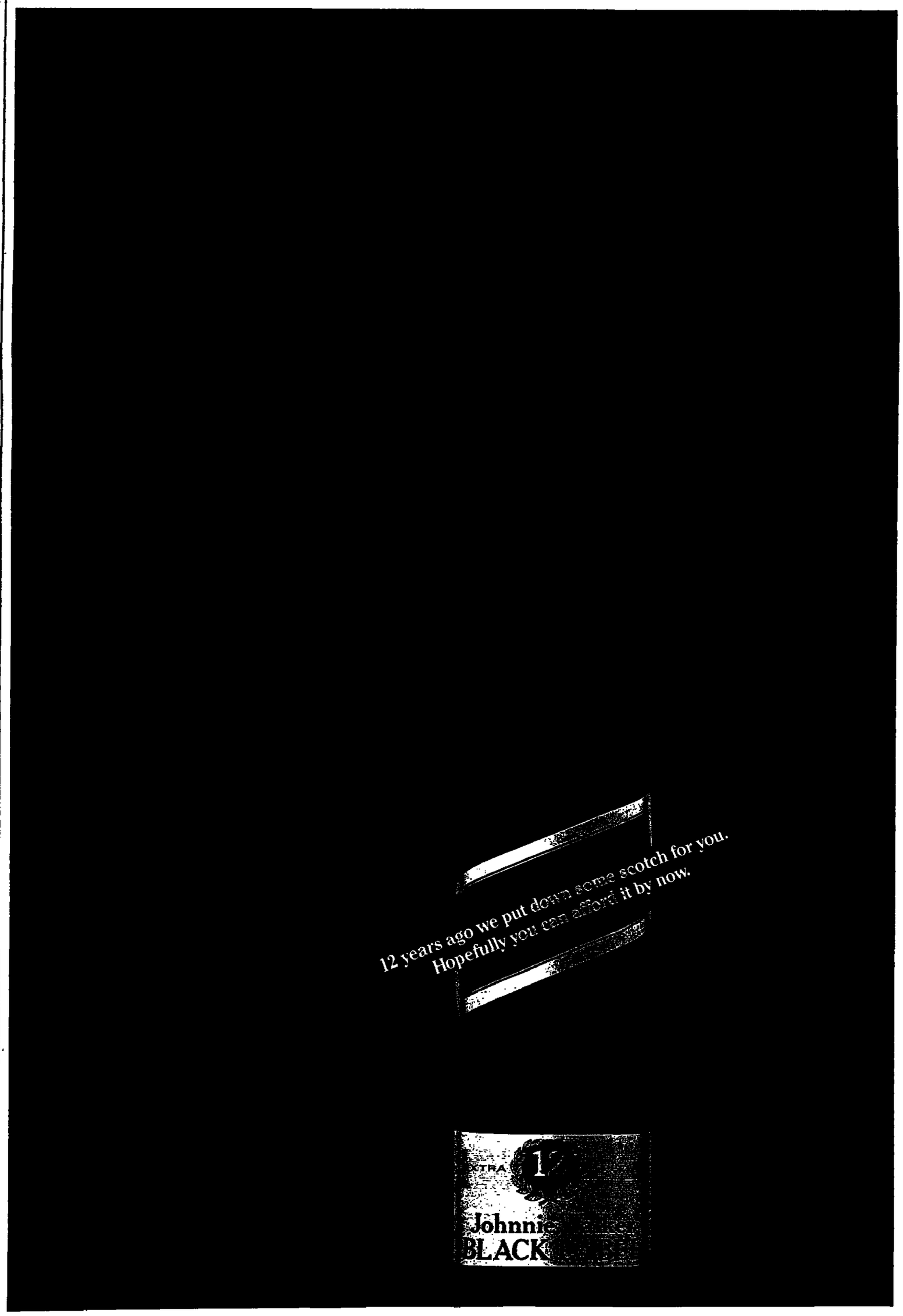
"Welcome to the topsy-vy world of the great British ·troom," runs the advertising trailer for the movie, "where your wildest nightmares come true!" The movie shows how real human beings become pawns in the hands of a gang of cartoon "judges" who insist on playing everything for a giggle. "Gasp as a judge extends his sympathy to the offender and condemns the victim!" the trailer continues. "In this madcap world, anything can happen — and usually does!"

If the average Briton were asked to name a set of people in public life whose word he would not take seriously, he would probably answer "professional comedians". Yet in an expensive series of full-page advertisements, the Health Education Authority has assembled a list of names of people calling for "a sustained and long-term programme of education" to combat Aids, the largest category consisting of third-rate comedians. Aside from the odd cleric and out-of-office MP, the list could be drawn from a *Variety* directory of this season's most off-putting pantomimes. Tim Brooke-Taylor, Wendy Craig, Leslie Crowther, Paul Daniels, Matthew Kelly, Paul Nicholas, Bill Oddie and Denis Norden all feature.

Presumably, the Health Education Council thinks itself very up-to-the-minute for inviting these weary old comedians to sign their "Aids Charter", but most people will view the decision as simply perverse. The effect will be similar to asking weighty figures to advertise lightweight products. Will we soon see Sir Isaiah Berlin test-driving a Renault, or Sir William Golding declaring that "the Milky Bars are on me", or Dame Iris Murdoch cooing over the "bluey-whiteness" of her husband's rugger shorts? If the Health Education Council manages to extend its advertising empire, this now seems more than likely.

TOMORROW

The winners of the Question Time and Glenfiddich competitions are announced in the Review section tomorrow



TIMES DIARY

SHEILA GUNN

It could happen only in the Lords. Tory and Labour MPs never see their two chief whips thrashing it out at the dispatch box. But next Thursday Lord Denham, on the right, and Lord Ponsonby, on the left, will do just that, in a debate calling for voting in the Upper House to be restricted to regular attenders. The debating time has been won by the Labour whip, Lord Stoddart, who is still seething over Denham's heavy whipping-in of backwoodsmen to defeat revolts on the poll tax and eye-test charges.

The debate is timely. Labour peers are due to carpet the party's deputy leader, Roy Hattersley, to make clear their resentment of Labour's continuing commitment to abolishing their House. They will cite the many concessions they have forced from government ministers. But the party's policy review, *Democracy for the Individual and the Community*, is already working on a replacement of the abolition policy, involving reform of the chamber. It hopes to come up with a long-term plan next year, and has meanwhile mapped out a proposal to rid hereditary peers of their voting rights.

Hattersley is an admitted abolitionist, but is showing signs of shifting nearer to Neil Kinnock's instincts for a two-chamber system. They could do worse then re-examine the 1970s' idea of phasing out hereditary peers and introducing new blood through proportional representation. This radical idea is unlikely to find much favour with Mrs Thatcher. It was last mooted by the former Tory prime minister, Lord Home of the Hirsel.

Both the Tory and Labour parties are facing a shake-up in their erudite and exclusive band of Scots legal experts at Westminster. The Lord Advocate, Lord Cameron of Lochbroom, the Lord Chancellor's equivalent north of the border, is widely tipped to go the way of his predecessors – and his father – to a top appointment on the Scottish bench. His place is likely to be taken by Peter Fraser, the Scottish Solicitor General, one of those Tory MPs who lost his Scottish seat last year. But Mrs Thatcher would prefer the minister to have a place in one of the Houses.

Labour also lost their Lords' man – Lord Morton – to the Scottish bench. The Prime Minister has agreed to give them a top Scottish QC, Donald Macaulay, as a shadow Lord Advocate. Macaulay's introduction to the Lords waits on the 35 inhabitants of Bragar, a village on the island of Lewis. They must be consulted before peers can be allowed to enjoy the broad Scottish brogue of Lord Macaulay of Bragar. Lord Morton had no such problem – he chose the uninhabited island of Shuna for his title.

Without the need to subject themselves to regular re-election the peers persist with their campaigns through the years – as Nicholas Ridley will find to his cost. Lord Gregson's 1981 inquiry on dangerous waste is being reopened to find out why the Government has not cleaned up dumps over the past seven years. As well as quizzing the not-so-green Ridley, it is calling the Environment Secretary's top pollution experts, Don Perryman and David Mills, to give them the rundown on the dumps. Neither boffin is likely to be inhibited in giving evidence. Both have resigned in protest against government policy – or lack of it.

The inquiry falls under the auspices of the Lords science and technology select committee, a highly influential group that has a habit of spotting weaknesses in government policy and probing relentlessly. Ministers such as Lord Young, Kenneth Clarke and Kenneth Baker have faced their wrath. This session it intends to come back to lack of spending on civil research and development and also start a new sub-committee to examine overseas aid. Chris Patten beware!

BARRY FANTONI



'I've heard it called some things in my time, dearie, but an environmental hazard's a new one on me'

Ministers can be assured that peers, even when roused, rarely resort to physical violence. Not so in the Commons. First it was Ron Brown with the Mace. Now it is Andrew Faulds taking out his pent-up fury on the Chamber doors.

Our sketch writer, Matthew Parris, reported how the excitable actor MP appeared to clout a fellow Labour backbencher on the head when he failed to be called to question Foreign Office ministers over Nicaragua. He went on to make a gesture that drove the Speaker to comment "disgraceful behaviour" to his disappearing back. But on storming out of the chamber he slammed his fist against the doors, splitting one along the hinges. An apologetic Faulds has told the Speaker he will meet any repair costs.

Peers, who will have first shot at the football ID card Bill, are as sceptical as their colleagues in the other place about its efficacy and possible side-effects. Although not sporting many football spectators on the maroon benches, the upper House digs its toes in when faced with legislation "on the hoof", which might appear a bright idea but could prove unworkable in practice. Government whips are planning to bring in the Welwyn Conservative MP, David Evans, to give doubters on their own benches "a good talking to" at the critical moment. Evans, chairman of Luton Town club, is largely responsible for selling the idea to Mrs Thatcher after compulsory membership cleaned up violence at his own ground.

Robin Marris on the financial union essential to Europe's future

Why E-Day must come

This weekend, at Rhodes, there meets a body called the European Council. There is no formal agenda, but everyone knows that the assembled EEC prime ministers and presidents can hardly avoid another round of Mrs T v. The Rest. The ultimate stake is nothing less than the future of Europe – not some abstract entity in Brussels, but the wealth and welfare of all our citizens: British, French, Dutch, Sicilians, Spaniards, Greeks, Germans. A few years ago Mrs Thatcher signed a document called the Single European Act, which has more in it than she thought. It is a hidden agenda for almost total economic unification.

Yet she should welcome it, not fear it. The European movement was born in the cold war. If we are now entering a period of world *détente*, the existing economic great powers – the US, the USSR, Japan – face excellent prospects. Europe, integrated, is also an economic giant. Measured by purchasing power, the national income of the Community already exceeds that of the US. Many segments of European society, for example the lower income groups, are already better off than their American counterparts. But Europe divided is not a power at all. It is like Venice – once great, still beautiful, but sinking.

But Mrs Thatcher's opponents must also beware, particularly over macroeconomic issues. Macroeconomics is about public expenditure, taxes, money supply, interest rates and exchange rates. Freeing the frontiers before "harmonizing" these policies may do more harm than good, may cause actual decline in the living standards of some citizens or other disruption to set the European movement back decades. When there is genuinely free movement of labour, capital and consumers, the differences in long-term tax structures, for example, that will be possible among European countries will be no greater than are now sustainable between American states.

Short-term policy co-ordination is equally important. Soon, by brute force or otherwise, the huge US external financial deficit will have to be rectified. Inevitably this will mean other countries moving generally from surpluses to deficits on their foreign trade, and this will hit some countries harder than others, especially in Europe. If governments act as one, they can absorb the shock relatively easily. If each has to adjust alone (or with at best only loose international co-operation), there will be a severe economic loss, not only to the most hard-hit economies, but to the average European citizen: even those of the strongest economies will suffer.

In such a context, a common central bank, with one monetary policy, is inevitable. That means a currency in which every European automatically transacts: we cannot have a situation where many people, having lost their national currencies, wonder whether they would rather transact in dollars, yen, or gold. And just as the currencies of countries today are largely backed by faith in the credit of the national government, so the future European currency must be backed by faith in the political and economic continuity of the European central bank; hence, also, of the European political system.

This cannot be obtained by waving a wand. Many people have pointed to the vigour and persistence of the idea of the nation state. For the British, with three centuries of constitutional continuity behind us, the idea is crucial. But, as an economist, I must point out that the economic counterpart of the political question is also dramatic.

There are probably less than a billion units of negotiable financial assets actually denominated in the Ecu (European Currency Unit, accounting unit of the European monetary system). A European monetary and economic union will have to be born on a single day when there will be created enough Ecus to replace the entire European money supply, converted at rates determined by previous negotiation. For post "E-Day" currency confidence to survive, the conversion rates to new Ecus must be fixed at levels to minimize economic disruption to regions, industries or social groups. Negotiators must abandon national chauvinism and strive for conversion rates to serve the interests of all European consumers (including those of their own countries).

In addition, it will be essential to ensure that not only monetary factors but also fiscal policy, especially with regard to transfers between regions, are adequate to ameliorate regional disadvantage. It will be crucial that capital flows from high-wage regions to low-wage regions, not the other way about. On balance, capital must flow *out* of West Germany, not into it. So Europe will need a tax structure that is not only uniform, but of the right kind.

Here is the problem. With its macroeconomic sovereignty a country gives up a large slice of its political sovereignty. But many are convinced that does not mean sacrificing diversity. I quote from a Conservative Party pamphlet, *Tradition and Reality*, written by Robert Jackson, Minister of State for Higher Education: "The sense of identity of a people depends . . . upon a shared history, a habit of mutual regard, and a common store of respected symbols. These . . . foundations are broader and deeper than those of the political order."

If a people's identity does not depend on the political order, it certainly does not depend on the macroeconomic order; does not depend, for example, on a uniquely British quality of the Old Lady of Threadneedle Street. In truth, she is not very different, in practical policy, from her opposite number in Rome. Many business people are arguing that if Britain persists along the path of insularity, the City of London is likely to be the loser.

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Bernard Levin

The expurgated opera lover

It all began with *Lohengrin* in July, when I emerged with a very curious feeling. It hadn't been a particularly good performance, though it was far from a disaster, and the production, though getting a bit tired, was acceptable. I was not, therefore, seriously disappointed. But a sense of unease pursued me throughout dinner and all the way home. Only when I put my key in the lock did I realize what had happened, and when I realized it I was so astonished that I stood transfixed on the mat, staring at my thoughts. I had discovered that I never want to hear *Lohengrin* again.

That in itself is not surprising: it has never been among my favourites, and practically everything in it is said much better either in *Parsifal* or in Act Two of *Götterdämmerung*. But in the very next second I realized that I never want to hear *Tannhäuser* again either.

I sat down on the sofa, and contemplated my past life. Had I just been put under a spell by a wicked wizard? Before I could test the theory, I was swamped with half a Kobbéful of operas I had done with for ever. Well, there are dozens of operas that even the most devoted opera-buff doesn't want to hear twice, or at any rate more than twice. But that is irrelevant; obviously, I don't want to hear works I don't like. The thunderbolt was the realization that there are scores of operas I have enjoyed greatly all my life, but do not want to hear ever again, and for a good reason: they have exhausted their capacity to move, delight, charm or enthral me.

Every real work of art is inexhaustible; that is indeed the way you know a real work of art from an imitation. But the pleasure I have had from opera for over 40 years of assiduous attendance is such that it had blinded me – or deafened me – to the truth; that there were many operas which I have enjoyed but from which I can get no more. I cannot easily express the intensity of the feeling which now greets me every morning: staring at the ceiling in that drowsy state that precedes full wakefulness. I find that I am full of great transports of joy, and wonder why. Then sleep lifts completely, and I know. Ladies and gentlemen, I need *never* go to *La Traviata* again.

Mind; my action amounts to apostasy, not treachery. I do not deny the pleasure *Traviata* has given me over the years; did I not hear Callas in the part? What has happened is that I have emptied it out, and I know that another visit will be a waste of time. But once I switched on the vacuum-cleaner I began to wonder whether I would ever switch it off. Puccini was the first to go: only *Turandot* remains of all the canon. (No more *Tosca*, no more *Tosca*, no more *Tosca*; in the words with which Martin Luther King concluded his historic "I have a dream" speech: Free at last, free at last, free at last; thank God Almighty, we are free at last!)

That's not all. Most of Verdi is discarded; why should I put up with operas as idiotic as *Trovatore* and *Un Ballo in Maschera?* (Of course, *Falstaff* will be with me to the end.)

Richard Strauss is slaughtered; I may as well say plainly now that *Salome* and *Elektra* are pigs, unworthy of the consideration of any man with half an ear and a quarter of a sensitivity. But that I have always suspected, just as I have always known that *Die Liebe der Danae* is bilge. All the Strauss I retain is *Rosenkavalier, Die Frau Ohne Schatten, Capriccio* and – if anybody would ever put it on – *Daphne*. ("Mummy, mummy, why is that man laughing?" "Hush, dear, he has just realized he is never going to hear *Arabella* again".)



Ha, here's a test: Rossini. Having spent my life insisting that he is the most underrated genius in all music, what am I to do about the tumbrils waiting to push off? Sorry, Jack; the *Barber* once a decade, for old time's sake; *Cenerentola* and *Le Comte Ory*; no more. (I shall go to the upcoming *William Tell*, lest Covent Garden should become an international laughing stock by putting it on without me in the audience.)

Donizetti out; Spontini out; Bellini out, out, out. ("Mummy, mummy, why is the man dancing now?" "Come away, darling, he is never going to *Norma* again.") No more *Carmen*; no more *Cav* and *Pag*; no more *Queen of Spades*; no more *Bartered Bride*.

And, of course, there is the upside to consider. After all, I am not going to reduce my overall operatic intake; for every *Bohème* I don't see, I can tuck another *Hoffmann* under my belt; for every missing *Don Carlos* I can collect another *Fledermaus*, for every evening spent sleeping through *Andrea Chénier* I can stay awake with *Onegin*.

Music, as my regular readers will know, has been one of the most trustworthy mainstays of my life, and the opera has been an indispensable part of it. But just as I have been devoting myself, as I grow older, more to the chamber music literature, and less to the orchestral, so something similar has been happening to my attitude to the opera. As I find greater and greater depths in the chamber music of Mozart and Schubert, I find also such depths in those operas which can truly be classified *sub specie aeternitatis* – *The Magic Flute* and *Figaro, Fidelio* and *Meistersinger, Boris* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

But I now grudge the time I might spend on music that is less than the greatest. I would be foolish if I did not take every opportunity to hear the *Ring* right through, or another version of *Don Giovanni*, or *Poppea*; shall I die before I can find another production of *Khovanshchina* to feast my ears and mind and soul on?

It is the strangest of the arts, opera, is it not? But its very form, which simultaneously demands two kinds of the suspension of disbelief, is its strength. Words or music? Music or words? There is an opera which itself wrestles with that subject, and leaves the answer still unresolved at curtain-fall; it is Richard Strauss's *Capriccio*, a thing of beauty and a joy for ever.

Capriccio is not in the very greatest category; put *Tristan* beside it and it shrivels to nothing. But they also serve, these almost-masterpieces, and this one, beause it is explicit about the art that made it, somehow sums up and defines the entire *genre*. When the two halves fuse, something happens that is neither words nor music, nor the sum of the two, nor the effect of their combination. As two molecules of hydrogen combine with one of oxygen to make something else altogether, so opera, different from words *and* music, arises from both.

It is because what happens at that moment is the most intense artistic experience it is possible to have, that I have forsworn the company of those works which, for all their beauty and interest, fail the highest test, and will now give my allegiance only to those which pass it. I once told Sir John Tooley, then General Administrator of the Royal Opera House, that when I died I wanted to be cremated and my ashes scattered in the orchestra pit. John pondered a while, and then said: "I don't think the Musicians' Union would wear it." I must revive the idea for the new regime.

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● *Profound apologies to that great and good man, Keith Waterhouse, a.k.a. Wossname. I boasted, a few weeks ago, that I had coined the word Eurotat, to denote a world of dead design and deader attitudes. It now transpires that he thought of it first – as long ago as last July. I salute him as the onlie begetter, and withdraw my claim.*

Commentary • ROBERT KILROY-SILK

A void called mental care

Edwina Currie says that we must "*at all costs avoid*" the situation that has arisen in some American cities, where severely mentally ill people are discharged from hospital and left on the streets. Where has she been for the past 10 years? For more than a decade we have been doing exactly that; and in every city, not just "some".

There are now thousands of mentally ill and mentally handicapped people in Britain wandering the streets, living rough, and ending in prison because they have been turned out of the psychiatric hospitals and put in the care of the under-resourced *local authorities*. The community care that is supposed to be provided often does not exist, and when it does is usually inadequate.

Naturally, it was never anyone's intention that this should happen. The policy was that the old, large and forbidding mental asylums should gradually be closed and their former patients slowly reintegrated into the community. They would live in their own homes, or hostels, and be supported by the local health and social services.

It was, still is, a fine dream. The objective was laudable and sensible. It was endorsed by successive governments and enthusiastically embraced by professional carers and mental health charities like Mind. No one familiar with the depressing, Kafkaesque atmosphere of the Victorian institutions, and the often impersonal and hurried care they provided, could have done otherwise than endorse this policy.

There were, however, a few of us who saw the dangers, who counselled caution, who suggested that while closing the expensive hospitals was an attractive proposition for any government, no one seemed to be directly, formally and legally responsible for funding the community facilities. And large sums would obviously be necessary. We were probably regarded as being far too unadventurous, if not cynical, when we argued that it would be preferable to await the creation of alternatives in the community before closing the hospitals and losing beds.

We were heard, but not listened to, least of all by the fine and well intentioned activists at Mind. The closure of the hospitals and the decanting of the patients went ahead just as quickly as the Government and the health authorities could do it without seeming anxious to get their itchy hands on the newly released money. Thus, in the past decade, well over 40,000 hospital beds for the mentally ill and mentally handicapped have been lost. And still the vandalism continues. A recent survey carried out by the National Schizophrenia Fellowship forecasts the closure of 77 of the remaining 178 mental hospitals.

That would be a sign of great achievement if only the resources saved had been channelled into the community. But they have not been. Although the Government's own watchdog, the Audit Commission, pointed out last year that 1,000 mentally handicapped people were coming on to the streets each year, no one could say where they were going. Only 4,000 extra residential places have been made available for them.

This is not nearly enough. As the Royal College of Psychiatry said last month: the community services are totally inadequate to cope. The result is that we now have precisely the situation the minister has said we must "at all costs avoid" – several thousand mentally ill and mentally handicapped men and women roaming the streets.

The evidence is there for all to see, not just in the big cities but in every town of any size, and in most of the small ones as well. Anyone making even a cursory examination of the beggars and vagrants who have increased so dramatically in number in recent years will have seen that most are mentally ill. They are not, as some would like to imagine, a product of unemployment, or certainly not all of them. They are the former patients of our large mental hospitals, a product of a high-minded social policy that has gone badly wrong.

The evidence from the charity for the homeless, St Mungo's, shows this. It says that 90 per cent of its hostel residents at any one time can be mentally ill, and that since 1983 its mentally ill lodgers have increased by more than 500 per cent.

These, indeed, are the lucky ones. Many end up in prison. For several years now the prison service has been lamenting the fact that it has been obliged to accept an increasing number of mentally disturbed offenders, who needed "treatment, not punishment". On any day there are 300 persons in prison categorized under the terms of the Mental Health Act. It is estimated that more than half of the prison population has some form of mental illness. In the year ending March 31, 1987, 12,465 prisoners were referred to a prison psychiatrist.

These are just a few of the consequences of the haste to close wards and cut costs without insistence on adequate alternatives in the community. But there is also another danger involved in allowing mentally disturbed people to wander the streets, make a nuisance of themselves, and commit offences. It is that all the old myths, prejudices and fears about them will be revived, so vitiating future attempts at readjusting them to the community.

That hostility and prejudice already exists. It is in evidence in Rye, Sussex, where some of the residents are opposing the setting up of a care home with accommodation for eight mentally handicapped people by the charity Canterbury Oast Trust.

Joe Graham, the general manager and founder of the trust, insists that "disabled people are not second-class citizens". But they are; to the prejudiced of Rye and to the Government they are. That is why they can be subjected to such bigotry. They can be treated with impunity as "second-class citizens" because they do not have votes, they do not lobby their MPs, and they do not have powerful pressure groups campaigning on their behalf.

The mentally disturbed deserve better. Edwina Currie could signal a change in attitudes by putting a stop to them being put out on to the streets.

In Woodrow Wyatt's Commentary on Tuesday the reference to the year 1910 in the fourth paragraph should have been 1918.

DEC 2 ON THIS DAY 1840

Napoleon died on St Helena on May 5th, 1821, and was buried there. In 1840 his remains were removed and buried under the dome in the Invalides in Paris.

PRESENT ASPECT OF ST HELENA

The following is an extract from a letter written on board the Astrelabe, the 9th of September:-

"We cast anchor at St. Helena on the 7th of this month. The entire island was in a state of great excitement; for the expected arrival of the French ships of war which are destined to remove from amongst them the remains of their Illustrious captive make them imagine that all the sails which appear in the horizon belong to the expected convoy. Two days only were allowed us at St. Helena; and you will readily imagine that I profited by this interval to visit a tomb which will so soon lose its absorbing interest. It is but a league from James-town, the place of anchorage, to the tomb; but the road, though as well kept as possible, is a difficult one, winding itself zigzag along the rocky slides of precipitous hills...

"We walked over green turf, little disturbed, and preserving all its freshness. We leant over an iron railing remarkable for its simplicity, and then my eyes fell on a large stone level with the ground, on which no letters were traced. The slab is void and naked; it has so much to say that it remains silent; and it does well. The enclosure is studded with a few sombre yewtrees, and above the tomb some willows droop their branches. Within the iron railing, and close to the flagstone which covers the Emperor's remains, are to be seen a tuft of lilies, and a stalk of geranium, planted by the hand of Madame Bertrand, a lingering witness of friendship and devotion...

"... We descended to the distance of about 269 paces to refresh ourselves at the house of Mrs Cobbett, where it was the ex-Emperor's habit to go frequently, for the purpose of resting himself and conversing. This female showed us some souvenirs of Napoleon, and praised his kindness of disposition. Thence we went to Longwood, the exile's abode, which is now converted into a mill, and which no one can enter without paying the owner. On traversing the apartments, which were mean even in the days of their splendour, our conductor said to us- "Here was Napoleon's bed," and in its place you see a pair of horses standing – it is now a stable!...

"I should add that the French expedition is daily expected. A vessel of war has been sent from England to assist at the ceremony. All the necessary preparations for giving up the corpse of Napoleon to the French Prince are concluded. Near the tomb we obtained a sight of the apparatus with which the body is to be lifted. It is hoped that the corpse may be raised, without removing the immense granite stone which covers the tomb, the English being anxious to preserve it in its present form, in the hope that the deserted sepulchre may still attract, if not the same number of pilgrims, at least some curious persons.

"The remains of Napoleon are enclosed in four coffins. The first is tin, the next mahogany, the third is lead, and the whole is enclosed in a fourth coffin of mahogany. The grave is 12 feet in depth. The bottom is wrought in stone masonry, and the sarcophagus was placed on four piles, with a view to preserve it from the damp. Above it is placed a large stone, then mason work 6 feet in thickness, earth above this, and over the whole lies a large flagstone..."

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PHILOSOPHY FOR RHODES

The inhabitants of Rhodes are a traditionally appreciative people. In the second century AD they boasted some 3,000 statues of those whom they judged benefactors of their island.

The successors to those ancient Rhodians may wish for equally reward-worthy results from the EEC heads of government summit, which begins on their island today. But unless they own the expensive restaurants in which Eurocrats like to eat, they may not feel much statuary to be justified.

Their Prime Minister, Mr Papandreou, is not in his most demanding mood. He is recovering from serious recent medical problems. He is entangled in domestic troubles varying from banking scandals to the state of his marriage. He wants a trouble-free summit.

He has, therefore, put forward a relatively uncontroversial agenda. He expresses concern about the environment. He wants to improve East-West relations, to avoid a Fortress Europe after 1992, and to debate Europe's general place in the world. He is not, we are delighted to say, bidding to be carried shoulder-high through the island streets.

Rhodes will not, in any case, be a summit for major negotiations. Key issues facing the EEC, such as the creation of a European Bank, do not come to a head until June, 1989, in Madrid. There is no need for a repeat of the "blood on the carpet" summits of December, 1987, in Copenhagen or February, 1988, in Brussels, which had to resolve fundamental differences over budgetary reform and put the Community on a sound financial footing.

The last summit, in Hanover, affirmed that 1992 was irreversible. It also established the Delors committee on monetary union, which does not report until next April. Other key issues, such as VAT and fiscal harmonization, are likely to wait until the new Commission is in place and operating in 1989. No one is in a mood for confrontation.

The Rhodes meeting must not, however, merely mark time; 1992 is approaching fast and the EEC, although it has achieved a great deal, cannot afford to stand still. There are important 1992 issues at stake, including the policing of a Europe without frontiers.

The Ryan case this week and the Strasbourg ruling on the Prevention of Terrorism Act have underlined the urgent need to improve police cooperation and extradition procedures if a frontier-free Europe is not to benefit criminals and terrorists. There are other important issues on the formal agenda, in particular the need for Western coordination in the fight to limit damage to the ozone layer from chlorofluorocarbons. The Rhodes meeting should follow Mrs Thatcher's lead here by taking a strong stand on environmental protection. There is a danger that, because none of the leaders is willing to confront such sensitive issues, it will produce anodyne statements instead.

It is very welcome that Greece should wish to focus attention on Europe and the world, turning EEC attention outwards rather than inwards. Europe must not become so preoccupied with the integration process that it turns in on itself. Rhodes must reassure the EEC's world trade partners that 1992 will not lead to the erection of impenetrable external tariffs.

The summit should also seek to resolve differences among the Europeans over strategy towards Eastern Europe. The European Commission is on the right lines in proposing a "thoughtful, positive and watchful" approach to the Soviet bloc in an era of *perestroika*. The details need to be filled in. The influence of the EEC on Eastern Europe is inestimable at a time when the Soviet grip is loosening and the EEC offers a magnetic example of democracy and economic dynamism.

To offer such an example, however, the EEC must tackle difficult integration issues directly; 1989 will be a crucial year for 1992. Without descending into acrimonious debate, there is no reason why EEC leaders at Rhodes should not begin to clarify their positions on financial services, monetary union, and the "social dimension".

The long-term issues of political union and diminution of national sovereignty are far from resolved. Although none of the current leaders may be around long enough to resolve them, there is need for continued pressure for solutions.

The Rhodians of old were philosophical on this point — thrifty, patient, and happy to erase the inscription upon one worthy's statue and rework the stone slightly for the new hero who would help their cause a little further. Although today's Greeks may be less than delighted by the immediate results of their summit, the future of Europe needs more of that ancient philosophy.

THE POWER BILL

Other countries which may follow Britain down the road of privatizing their utilities will have the great advantage of being able to assess several full-scale experiments. Of the UK models now in operation or currently proposed, the sale of electricity is likely to be the most successful — if the most complicated.

Yesterday's Bill expands the Government's proposals in the White Paper earlier in the year without making radical changes. The present Central Electricity Generating Board will be split into two competing generation companies, to be sold separately, and the present area boards will be sold as separate distribution companies, jointly owning the grid. Other private generators will be encouraged to enter the field and will be able to contract to supply large users directly rather than through the distribution companies.

This is a more satisfactory structure than either the privatization of British Telecom, with a single fledgling competitor, Mercury, or the proposed sale of 10 regional water companies, where competition will be limited to competition for capital and comparisons of performance. It is vastly superior to the sale of British Gas as a single integrated supplier, in which the inadequacy of both competition and the regulatory structure has forced the Government into an embarrassing rearguard action to modify the rules.

None the less, it leaves a number of questions still to be answered and various political problems to be negotiated. Among the chief of these is the commitment to nuclear power. The costs, problematic history, and political sensitivity of nuclear generation would rule it out for a privatized industry left to itself. But the Government has ruled that diversity of supply is in the public interest. The obligation to buy a certain amount of non-fossil fuel power has to be paid for, and the Bill provides for a levy on all fossil-related electricity sales. Looking slightly further ahead, the Government is taking powers to contribute towards the de-commissioning costs of nuclear stations, particularly Magnox, which come to the end of their useful life. It is reasonable that private shareholders should not have to assume such a large liability, associated with investments made before the company was privatized. But the company owning the nuclear stations should be discouraged from regarding access to these funds as permanent.

Much of the success of the proposed structure for the industry will depend on the detail and vigour of regulation. The least satisfactory aspect of the proposals is the joint ownership of the grid by the distribution companies. Alerted by the British Gas fiasco, ministers have made sure that the Bill provides for GridCo to publish its rate schedule so that competing suppliers can be assured of more or less equal terms.

It will require a strong Office of Electricity Regulation to make sure that there is no covert discrimination against outsiders. Much also hangs upon the precise nature of the contracts to supply which have yet to be agreed.

The regulator's other main responsibility will be to protect the consumer by a combination of price controls and quality requirements. Price control of the form inflation minus x plus y is an art rather than a science, but it has worked quite well in the case of an industry with rapidly rising productivity, such as telecommunications.

Quality controls, provided for in the Bill, will also be difficult to devise and monitor, but should at least act as a safety net for customer service. As usual, the most effective protection for the consumer will be competition. It is satisfactory to see that competition between local distributors is at least not precluded by the Bill.

MISS BHUTTO AND HER ENEMIES

The appointment of Miss Benazir Bhutto as Prime Minister of Pakistan is an historic moment. She becomes the first woman head of government in a Muslim state and one of the youngest in the world. For Miss Bhutto herself it is the vindication she had sought for her father, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, who was deposed by General Zia in 1977 and later hanged. For Pakistan, it is one more mark of the restoration of democracy after 11 years of military rule.

There are reports that she has had to make certain concessions to secure the right to form a government. These are said to include a commitment to continue General Zia's Afghan policy, to retain his foreign minister (a former Army general) and to appoint the present caretaker president for a further term in his own right.

She may have had to accept the creation of an institutional position for the Armed Forces within the future political system of Pakistan. Although these conditions may turn out to be desirable in themselves, they certainly circumscribe the freedom of a democratically-elected prime minister.

Two further developments may cast a much bigger shadow over Miss Bhutto's Government. The first is the professed ambition of Mr Nawaz Sharif, Miss Bhutto's rival for prime ministership, to use his likely position as Chief Minister of Punjab to undermine the People's Party's federal government. The second arises out of the intentions of Miss Bhutto's opponents to petition Pakistan's *sharia* (Muslim) courts to declare her accession to the prime ministership unconstitutional. According to some interpretations, Islam does not permit a woman to become head of government. While Pakistan's Constitution does not forbid it specifically, it does commit the country to actions and policies that are recognizably within the dictates of Islam.

Recourse to the Islamic courts would be particularly unfortunate. If they ruled against Miss Bhutto, their verdict would directly conflict with that of the people. It would also split Islam along political lines, leading in all probability to a conflict in which the Army would swiftly intervene.

The democratic course would be for Miss Bhutto's opponents to accept her government and agree to oppose it only within the conventions of democracy. If they win the next elections in five years' time, they may wish for similar courtesies themselves.

In the meantime, they can draw comfort from the fact that without an overall majority she will head either a minority Administration or a coalition government. Alongside the Opposition's own strength in the Assembly, that should provide the necessary checks to allow all voices to be heard.

This will be only the second time in its 41-year history that Pakistan will have experienced civilian rule. The Army will be watching for any mistake. The fewer mistakes made, the less the temptation for the Army to step in. The responsibility now resting on Pakistan's newly-restored civilian politicians is too great to be squandered on conflicts of a local or doctrinal character.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sound money and consumer credit

From Mr John de Courcy Ling, MEP for Midlands Central (European Democrat (Conservative))

Sir, We face the problems of a booming economy. The Government have been true to their principle of sound money. It would be hard to exaggerate the importance in the eyes of the public of their continuing to succeed.

But what about the attitude to money of the individual citizen? Some of the current problem is admittedly the consequence of having to finance imports for domestic industrial investment. Much of it, however, is the result of consumer greed.

We British have become too keen on Californian-style materialism. It is more fashionable to have an overdraft than a credit balance at the bank. Houses which should be homes are treated as short-term investments to make theoretical profits. All this is morally debilitating to individuals and damaging to society.

It is a good time to turn away from the casino mentality of North America and to take a leaf from the book of the European Christian civilisation to which we, as a nation, belong.

The scepticism about credit of the apocryphal French peasant who is said to hoard gold beneath his mattress and the orthodoxy of the German businessman who will not forget the collapse of the German currency in the 1930s are salutary examples for the modern spendthrift Englishman.

It may even be that this Government would win the next election by making it seem right for people to live within their means. It seems highly probable that many people would sleep more easily if they were in credit and not in debt, with beneficial consequences, not only for their personal well-being, but also for the Government's policies.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
JOHN de COURCY LING,
31 Chapel Street,
Belgrave Square, SW1.
November 29.

From Mr P. D. J. Wood

Sir, Consumer demand and credit boom figure prominently in any discussion on our economic ills. What happened to the much despised "minimum down-payment" for credit purchases? It was an effective control on spending and the percentage down-payment could be adjusted as needs required.

It is not inflationary; in fact just the contrary because consumers finish up spending less than if buying on maximum credit. Moreover it encourages savings as consumers put money aside for the down-payments.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
P. D. J. WOOD,
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Sevenoaks, Kent.

From Mr R. A. Fairbairn

Sir, Interest rates have risen yet again. The Chancellor wants to reduce the volume of consumer credit. He should ask himself whether people pay for credit in pounds or "per cents."

Perhaps he has not looked closely at the arithmetic of credit: an increase of 1 per cent in the flat interest rate increases a monthly instalment by only 83p for each £1,000 borrowed. Reducing the term of the loan from, say, 36 months to 24 months increases the instalment by some £13-£14 for each £1,000 borrowed.

What course of action is most likely to have the desired effect?

Yours faithfully,
R. A. FAIRBAIRN,
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Breadstone,
Nr Berkeley, Gloucestershire.
November 29.

All-change in teaching of fine arts

From Mr Sean Crompton

Sir, The President of the Royal Academy and others call attention (November 26) to the draft five-year plan for fine art teaching within the London Institute, under which the fine arts department of the Camberwell School of Arts is to be removed to Chelsea School of Arts, while Chelsea's graphics and design departments are to be foisted on Camberwell. Their letter throws doubt on the intelligence and integrity — even the good will — of the institute's administration.

As chairman of governors of Camberwell School of Art until August this year, I served on both the shadow and formation committees which brought the London Institute into being in 1986. During the deliberations of these two committees the members were repeatedly assured by Ilea that the individual and unique characters of each constituent college would be preserved.

Both committees were chaired by Mr Neil Fletcher, who was also chairman of the Ilea sub-committee on further and higher education and is now leader of Ilea; he is also chairman of the Institute's court of governors which has presided over the new plan.

The proposed reorganization apparently ignores both the findings of the formation committee and the views expressed by the majority of the highly experienced and dedicated teaching staff.

Yours faithfully,
SEAN CROMPTON,
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Pall Mall, SW1.
November 28.

From Mr Patrick Heron

Sir, The so-called fine arts and the so-called crafts or applied arts, at both Chelsea *and* Camberwell, are to be prised apart and permanently separated (report, November 26). No popping along to the painting studios for a lively graphics student searching for new images; and no stimulus from the glamour and excitement of a new poster, trouser-suit, textile or ceramic for the painting student — without, that is, a bus ride halfway across London.

The world-famous British art schools of the 60s and 70s developed precisely out of the intimate organic relationship which existed between *all* these differing studies, carried on side by side within the same institution. Yet this is a fact that seems to have escaped the notice of all those now in power, from Mrs Thatcher down.

Painting and sculpture have a relationship to, say, fashion and design that is exactly analogous to that which exists between "pure" and "useless" physics and, say, the aircraft industry. The fine art studios are the laboratories in which images, and visual concepts, first emerge — images which later on surface throughout the world of design and merchandise.

Doubtless the London Institute will brandish a fistful of statistics in our faces. But what is certain is that every single exercise of this sort, ruthlessly imposed throughout the art school system during the past 15 or 20 years, has resulted in the *diminishment*, now almost to the point of extinction, of true art education and, indeed, of art itself.

The London Institute must now do a smart U-turn — or merit the scorn and disgust of the entire art world.

Yours etc.,
PATRICK HERON,
Eagles Nest, Zennor,
St Ives, Cornwall.
November 26.

Campus free speech

From the Vice-Chancellor of Liverpool University

Sir, In arriving at the decision referred to by Sir Rhodes Boyson and Mr Norris McWhirter (November 22) concerning the proposed meeting to be addressed by representatives of the South African Embassy, I had firmly in mind the statement made by Mr Walden, then Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, in the House during the passage of the Education (No. 2) Act 1986 (see Hansard, vol. 102, col. 1120, October 21, 1986) that the proposed clause in what became section 43 of the Act

will require authorities to exercise judgement, sometimes as to whether a meeting should proceed at all. It will not prevent them from concluding in the last resort, although they would do well to consult the police before reaching such a conclusion, that a meeting should be cancelled or at least postponed because the threat of a breach of the peace was too substantial. But the clause will be beneficial in requiring them to weigh the situation most carefully before reaching a decision, rather than simply taking the line of least resistance.

Additionally, I was aware of the statements by Professor D. G. T. Williams, Rouse Ball Professor of English Law in the University of Cambridge, in the recent publication, *Racism and Freedom of Speech on the Campus*. This publication includes the comment (p31):

The question was raised whether there is anything in section 43 of the Education (No. 2) Act 1986 which would enable educational establishments to prevent persons from speaking. Professor Williams replied by emphasising the point made in his paper that the authorities may ban a meeting where there is a reasonable likelihood of a breach of the peace, although they would normally consult the police before reaching that conclusion. There was a danger that the Act might encourage some authorities to act too readily to ban meetings. This was an area in which litigation could be expected. The emphasis was likely to be on the prevention of disorder and the authorities would want to avoid allowing a meeting to reach the stage where the police had to be called in.

My anxiety about the proposed meeting was not solely caused by the widespread disturbance which had occurred on the occasion of Mr Tom King's visit to the university in early November. Before and since that visit the university had been contacted by a large number of people, including the leaders of a wide range of community and other organisations, who all expressed their grave concern over the proposed visit. The university also consulted at some length with the police, who agreed that if the meeting did proceed there was clearly a potential for disorder.

It is my firm view that, in acting as I did, I was doing so while recognising firmly the obligations of the university under the Education (No. 2) Act 1986 to take such steps as are reasonably practicable to ensure that freedom of speech within the law is secured.

The university has, in fact, already authorised a number of meetings involving political or controversial speakers, such as Sir Geoffrey Howe, Mr Ken Livingstone, Mr Ray Honeyford and, as referred to above, the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Mr Tom King. This is an earnest of our commitment to freedom of speech.

Yours sincerely,
GRAEME J. DAVIES,
Vice-Chancellor,
The University of Liverpool,
Senate House,
Abercromby Square,
Liverpool, Merseyside.

Holloway paintings

From the Right Reverend Gerald Ellison

Sir, Sarah Jane Checkland's article (November 24) about the possible sale of some of its paintings by Royal Holloway College reminds me of a conversation between my father and Archbishop Randall Davidson (then, I believe, Dean of Windsor).

"What do you think is happening?", exclaimed the archbishop. "Old Holloway, of Holloway's Pills, is building a replica of the Château de Chambord in the fields of Egham for the higher education of women!"

Holloway's ideas for a good higher education involved, among other things, the provision of a chapel and an art gallery. The former had an apse adorned by a coloured bas-relief of the Creation, with a rather surprised lion watching what was going on around him; beneath this was a splendid baldachino, under which Queen Victoria sat (the Holy Table having presumably been removed for the time being) in order to declare the college open.

The pictures rightfully belong to Royal Holloway College and are an integral part of the founder's gift. It would be a great sacrilege to part them from the college.

Yours faithfully,
GERALD ELLISON,
Billey's House, 16 Long Street,
Cerne Abbas, Dorchester, Dorset.

Equality in divorce

From Mrs H. E. Arrowsmith-Brown

Sir, It is difficult to discuss Ms Sarah Wadham's letter (November 29) about equality in divorce because she is referring to a particular case, and to "most wives in their forties" whose careers have suffered from caring for children.

There are, however, two points worth emphasising here. One is that some wives obtain divorce after a very short time in marriage; are they therefore morally justified in being supported by their ex-husbands for the remainder of their lives? The second is that, because of the many factors present in divorce cases, particularly with children, one person's justice is another's injustice.

It may be hoped that the development of family courts might make possible the consideration of each case on its merits. At the present time the law is failing deplorably to administer justice to many hundreds of divorced persons. Men in particular can be savagely handicapped by inequitable arrangements for maintenance in cases where a wife has given little financial or other support to a brief marriage.

Yours truly,
HELEN ARROWSMITH-BROWN,
22 Macaulay Buildings,
Bath, Avon.

Ruling passions

From Dr James O. Drife

Sir, Yet again a television newsreader informs us that "Mrs Thatcher is said to be furious", this time over the failure to extradite Patrick Ryan.

The Prime Minister seems to have been "furious" about some issue or another on an almost weekly basis ever since she took office. Yet whenever she appears on television she is a model of articulate restraint. Does our leader have a dual personality, alternating private rage with public calm, or does her press office believe that saying "the gods are angry" will silence all dissent?

Surely our Belgian and Irish friends are more likely to be impressed by rational argument than by hints that the Prime Minister has yet again lost her temper.

Rightly or wrongly the electorate is being given the impression that Britain regularly draws up extradition papers in a lather of righteous indignation. Perhaps our track record might improve if instead of "fury" we resorted to traditional British coolness.

Yours faithfully,
JAMES DRIFE,
8 Westminster Road,
Stoneygate,
Leicester.
November 29.

Soviet obstacle

From Mr Peter Moss

Sir, In January, 1987, I was refused a visa to travel to Moscow, having visited both that city and Leningrad in 1983 and in 1985. No reason was given by Intourist.

Last September my wife and I booked once again to travel to Moscow — later this week, as it happens. We laid out nearly £700 for a weekend trip, only to have our visa requests denied *less than 72 hours prior to our departure*. On this occasion we were again given no explanation and were advised that our "cancellation" precludes us from receiving a refund.

I suspect I know the reason. My wife and I number amongst our friends several Jewish families — refuseniks — who have themselves been denied visas by the Soviet authorities, though in their cases the refusals are, of course, for visas to *leave* the Soviet Union. We are, it seems, alternative refuseniks.

Yours etc.,
PETER MOSS,
Three Trees, Canons Drive,
Edgware, Middlesex.
November 23.

Empty abbey stalls

From Sir William van Straubenzee

Sir, Some time ago I attended a memorial service in Westminster Abbey to a great man. I was privileged to be seated in a stall. I was surprised to find eight other stalls unoccupied, although all bore the names of those to whom they had been allotted.

On leaving the abbey I had a surreptitious look at the names, some of which were of public figures. Next morning all were reported as having attended the service.

It therefore seems that lazy men (and women) today apply for a seat at such a service and then do not attend. They get all the kudos of having done so without the effort. I understand that the abbey authorities do not allow names to be checked on entry. Should they not at least check the attendance in the named stalls and notify the newspapers of any change?

Yours faithfully,
W. R. van STRAUBENZEE,
York House,
199 Westminster Bridge Road, SE1.

Mappa Mundi sale

From the Chairman of the British Association of Friends of Museums

Sir, The proposed sale of Hereford Cathedral's Mappa Mundi may well have made potential private donors think twice about supporting our national treasures. Donors will be deterred from giving funds to our great cathedrals, museums or galleries if their trustees take the alternative route of selling-off the very treasures so many groups of our supporting Friends try to save for the public's enjoyment.

It is because of such sales that many of our groups are very concerned about the Government's proposed "powers of disposal" for the trustees of the Tate Gallery, the National Gallery and the National Portrait Gallery. If similar, well publicised, sales were made by these galleries there would be enormous damage done to the fund-raising efforts of supporting groups and future benefactors will be discouraged.

Some of our members consider that no such powers of sale should be granted, even with safeguards, as it will open the door for future Governments to reduce the grants to national galleries and will force them to sell works to provide for running costs and repairs.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID MAWSON (Chairman,
British Association of Friends
of Museums),
Gonville Hall,
Wymondham, Norfolk.

Devilish cunning

From Mr Fergus J. F. O'Mahony

Sir, I often wonder at the ingenious lengths to which motorists will go when parking their vehicles, in an effort to hoodwink attentive traffic wardens.

"Meter jammed" and "Doctor on call" are well tested; but the driver of a beat-up contractor's van parked on double yellow lines in the City this morning, admittedly not far from a building site, deserves a prize for "T. Warden. Men working underground. Life saving equipment on board".

Yours faithfully,
FERGUS J. F. O'MAHONY,
11 Church Street,
Chipping Hill, Witham, Essex.
November 25.

Falklands policy

From Dr Patrick Cosgrave

Sir, The note of pompous insouciance struck by Sir Michael Butler and his friends (November 25) is at once typical and distressing. Let me deal — with relish, I must confess — with the evidence which Sir Michael and his friends call upon me to produce.

Most of it is to be found in my book, *Carrington: a Life and a Policy*, in which I pointed out that between 1980 and 1982 the process of emollient diplomacy continued, and President Galtieri's government engaged again and again in exchanges which they found soothing and even supportive.

No effort was made to stress to them the likely parliamentary reaction to any coup against the Falklands, in spite of the savage treatment of Mr Nicholas Ridley by the House of Commons in December, 1980, when he suggested that a deal with the Argentine was in the offing.

So far as the Falklands war is concerned, the much more detailed account in *The Battle for the Falklands*, by Mr Max Hastings and Mr Simon Jenkins, supports mine and Mr David Hart's contentions (article, November 4). Over seventeen years, the authors point out,

The policy of the Foreign Office . . . was founded on a belief that the Falklanders could eventually be assimilated into the essentially European mainland community.

All this was in spite of the repeated political declarations that nothing would be done without the consent of the islanders themselves.

I was briefed, as were many other journalists, on the EEC negotiations of 1979-80. I see no reason or evidence to change my view that FCO civil servants briefed against the Government.

Yours faithfully,
PATRICK COSGRAVE,
21 Thornton Road, SW12.
November 25.

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COURT AND SOCIAL

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE

December 1: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh visited Greater Manchester today to mark the 150th Anniversary of the Borough of Bolton.

Having arrived at Bolton Station in the Royal Train, Her Majesty and His Royal Highness were received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Greater Manchester (Colonel John Timmins) and the Mayor of Bolton (Councillor B. Allanson).

The Queen, with The Duke of Edinburgh, subsequently opened and toured the Water Place and unveiled a commemorative plaque.

Afterwards Her Majesty, with His Royal Highness, opened and toured the new Market Place and unveiled a commemorative plaque, escorted by the Duke of Westminster.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh watched a Community Play in Victoria Square Precinct and viewed an Exhibition in the Festival Hall.

Her Majesty, with His Royal Highness, later honoured the Mayor of Bolton with Her presence at luncheon in the Albert Hall.

In the afternoon The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh visited Manchester Airport on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary.

Having been received by the Lord Mayor of Manchester (Councillor Mrs. Patricia Conquest), the Chairman (Councillor A. McCardell) and Chief Executive (Mr. G. Thompson), Manchester Airport Plc, Her Majesty and His Royal Highness toured the Airport complex.

The Queen, attended by the Duchess of Grafton, Mr. Kenneth Scott and Lieutenant-Commander Timothy Laurence, R.N., later left the Airport in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Chancellor, this evening attended an Industrialists Dinner at Salford University.

His Royal Highness was received on arrival by the Vice-Chancellor of the University (Professor John Ashworth) and the Mayor of Salford (Councillor Joseph Holt).

Captain Michael Chitty was in attendance.

By command of The Queen, the Lord Strathclyde (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London this afternoon upon the arrival of The King of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and welcomed His Majesty on behalf of Her Majesty.

The Queen was represented by Mr. Brian Hitch (High Commissioner at Valletta) at the Requiem Mass for Hon. Mabel Strickland which was held in Mdina Cathedral, Malta, this morning.

KENSINGTON PALACE

December 1: The Prince of Wales received the Lord Glenarthur at St. James's Palace, SW1.

Subsequently His Royal Highness held a luncheon at Kensington Palace for representatives of organizations concerned with traditional and complementary medicine.

The Prince of Wales, Patron, The Wishing Well Appeal for the Redevelopment of Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital, attended a Royal Gala at the Mayflower Theatre, Southampton.

His Royal Highness, attended by Major Christopher Lavender, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

The Princess of Wales, Patron of Birthright, attended the Anniversary Appeal Luncheon at the Royal Lancaster Hotel, Lancaster Terrace, W2.

Mrs. Vivian Baring, Lieutenant-Commander Patrick Jephson, R.N., and Mr. Richard Arbiter were in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE

December 1: Princess Alexandra, Chancellor, this afternoon presided at a Congregation for the conferment of Higher and Honorary Degrees at the University of Lancaster.

Her Royal Highness travelled to Lancashire in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

Lady Mary Mumford was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE

The Duke and Duchess of Kent today received The Right Honourable The Lord Mayor of Brisbane, Alderman Sallyanne Atkinson.

Memorial services

Sir Michael Perrin

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Sir Michael Perrin was held on Wednesday at the Priory Church of St Bartholomew-the-Great, Smithfield. The Rev Graham Dowell officiated, assisted by the Rector, the Rev A. Brown, who read the second Lesson; the Rev K. Scott and the Rev M. Whawell, Hospitaller of Bart's, were also robed. The first Lesson was read by Lord Franks, OM, and Sir Raymond Hoffenberg, PRCP, gave an address. Others present included:

Mr and Mrs Charles Perrin (son and daughter-in-law), Mr and Mrs Edward Ellis (son-in-law and daughter), Miss Hilary and Mr Adrian Ellis, Miss Felicity and Miss Nicola Perrin (grandchildren), Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Talbot (brother-in-law and sister), Mr Richard and Mr Michael Talbot, Mrs de Dreux Coutts.

Lady Hoffenberg, Lord Murray of Newhaven, Lord Zuckerman, Sir David Steel (Chairman, The Wellcome Trust), Sir Douglas Black, Sir Robin Brook and Lady Brook, Sir Cyril and Lady Clarke, Sir Bernard and Lady De Bunsen, Lady Gorell Barnes, Sir Harry Moore, Professor Sir Eric Scowen, Sir Richard Way, Sir Gordon Wolstenholme, Dr I. Kelsey Fry, (Dean, Bart's Hospital Medical College), Dr A.O. Betts, (Principal, The Royal Veterinary College), Dr A.G. Bishop (British Museum, Natural History), Dr A.M. Dawson, (Treasurer, Royal College of Physicians), Brigadier C. Pepham, (British Heart Foundation), Colonel F.G. Nefid, (Master, the Society of Apothecaries) and Mrs Nefid, Major C. O'Leary, Professor and Mrs J.D. Barron, Professor P. Daniel, Professor J.A. Dudgeon, Professor M. Gowing, Professor N. Joels, Professor D. Long, Professor and Mrs R.H.S. Thompson, Mrs J. Anderson (Vice President, Roedean School), Mr H. Baker, Mrs C. Bostock, Mr M.R. Brockman, Mr P. Wilson, Mr and Mrs H. Copeslick (The Wellcome Foundation Ltd), Mr E. Busby, Mrs J. Coops, Miss J. Clark, Miss C. Mayo, Sister P. Fowler (Senior Sister, Bart's Hospital), Dr and Mrs J. Glyn, Dr M.K. Hargreaves and Mrs D.M. Hall, Dr R.H. Hedley, Mr J. Sharpley (The City and Hackney Health Authority), Mr J. Clarke (UK Atomic Energy Authority), Mr J. Dobree, Mrs C. Dowell, Mr R. Eaden (Clerk, Imperial Society of Knights Bachelor), Mrs R.G. Fowler-Watt, Mr R. Gibbs, Mr J. Goodey, Mr D.W. Gordon-Brown, Mr W. Rowan Hare, Mr S.L. Higgott, Mrs A. Howard, Mrs D. Hughes-Thomas, Mrs K. Jeffreys, Mr and Mrs C.P. Luxmoore, Mr and Mrs A. Milligan, Mr L.G. Matthews, Mr B. Pell, Mr M. Pickard (Chairman of Council, Roedean School), Mr C. Rawlins, Mr D. Robinson, Mr O.W. Roskill, Mr and Mrs N.W. Roskill, Dr H.M. Sinclair, Dr L. Smith, Miss E. Streatfield, Mr and Mrs F. Shields, Mr P. Upton, Miss Esme and Miss Evelyn Upton, Dr P.O. Williams, Dr A.H. Willbourn, Mr S.S. Wilson, Mr S.R. Woodroffe, Mrs C.M. Wrigley, Mrs J. Webb, together with past and present members of The Wellcome Foundation and of St Bartholomew's Hospital.

Mr Michael ffolkes

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Michael ffolkes was held yesterday at St Bride's, Fleet Street. Canon John Oates officiated, assisted by the Rev Tom Devonshire-Jones. Mr Hugh Franks read from the works of Arthur Hugh Clough and Mr Timothy Jacques read from *The Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam*. Mr Paul ffolkes Davis, son, and Mr Michael Trumble read some of Michael ffolke's poems. Mr Michael Heath gave an address. Among those present were:

Mr Oliver Davis (son), Miss Louisa Davis (daughter), Miss Ella Kraemers, Mrs Mary Davis, Mr and Mrs Hugh McIlvanny; Mrs Hugh Franks, Mrs Timothy Jacques, Mr David Jacques, Mr Mel Calman (*The Times*), Mr Stanley Reynolds (acting editor, *Punch*) with Miss Paula Chesterman, Mrs Carol Mansur and other members of staff; Mr E. H Marsh (managing editor, *The Daily Telegraph*, representing the editor) with Mr and Mrs Michael Wharton and Mr Christopher Booker; Mr Ken Ellis (art director, *Reader's Digest*), Mr M J Levete (honorary treasurer, Omar Khayyam Club) and Mrs Levete, Mr James Taylor (representing the cartoonists of France) and Mrs Taylor, Mr Richard Ingrams, Mr Colin Welch, Miss Posy Simmonds, Mr Kenneth Mahood, Jak, Mr Michael Hogg, Mr Ray Ullyett, Mr Nicholas Garland, Mr Martin Honeysett, Mr Mikki Slingsby, Mr Paul Hogarth, Mr Michael Heath, Mr and Mrs Wally Fawkes, Mr Richard Usborne, Mr Chick Jacob, Mr Ken Pyne, Mr Clive Collins, Mrs A. Hoffnung, Mr Peter Barclay, Mr Neil Mills, Mr H Mallalieu, Mr and Mrs John Lister, Mr David Batterham, Mr Piers Eley, Mr Alfred Daniels and Mr Keith Waite.

The Arts Council was represented by Lord Rees-Mogg, *Chairman*; Luke Rittner, Secretary-General; and Jane Nicholas, Dance Director, at the Memorial Service for Sir Frederick Ashton on Tuesday, November 29.

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SCIENCE REPORT

Pluto is coming to life

Pluto, the remotest planet in the solar system and long regarded as just a barren chunk of rock, has been taking on a little character in the last year or two. Recent indications that it might have an atmosphere of sorts appear to have been confirmed by American and Australian scientists, who monitored the brightness of a star as it passed behind the disk of the planet. Writing in this week's issue of *Nature*, they say that the star's brightness faded gradually as it was eclipsed by Pluto, indicating that something more than empty space surrounds it.

The resurgence of interest in Pluto was prompted by a lucky alignment of the planet and its moon, Charon, which meant that as they orbited around each other, each body periodically passed in front of the other, concealing it from astronomers on Earth. Pluto and Charon are so far away that separate images of them can just barely be made out with the best telescopes, and so little had been learned of their properties. But the series of periodic eclipses meant that for brief moments a view could be had of either Pluto or Charon, uncontaminated by the other.

One discovery was that the two bodies are not the same colour, and moreover that Pluto's colour and brightness changed as it receded from the warmth of the Sun. One explanation is that Pluto has methane – marsh gas – which, as the planet grew colder, covered the rocky surface with a thin layer of snow, changing its appearance (Science Report, February 1).

***But now William Hubbard and colleagues at* the University of Arizona and the University of Tasmania have found more direct evidence for the existence of gas around Pluto by tracing the path of a star to establish the planet's obscuring atmosphere.**

A bonus of this technique is that, because the distance and speed of Pluto is accurately known, the time it took for the star to wane and wax can be used to deduce the substantial extent of the atmosphere.

For scientists, the interest of work such as this lies in trying to understand what Pluto is made of, and where it came from. It remains a disagreeable place to live.

David Lindley

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Birthdays today



General Alexander Haig
ex-US Secretary of State, 64

The Earl of Arundel and Surrey, 32; Sir Maurice Bathurst, QC, 75; Sir Frederic Bennett, former MP, 70; the Hon Nigel Calder, science writer, 57; Professor Alan H. Cook, master, Selwyn College, Cambridge, 66; Sir Frank Cooper, civil servant and company chairman, 66; Sir David Davies, former chairman, Welsh Development Agency, 79; Sir Walter Edmenson, shipowner, 96; Mr Ian Finlay, former director, Royal Scottish Museum, 82; Sir Paul Grey, diplomat, 80; Air Chief Marshal Sir Peter Harding, 55; Mr Anthony Huxley, author, 68; Dr Gwyn Jones, chairman, Welsh Development Agency, 40; Sir George Labouchere, diplomat, 83; Dame Winnifred Prentice, former president, Royal College of Nursing, 78; Sir Evelyn Russell, former chief metropolitan stipendiary magistrate, 76; Dr C.D. Williams, paediatrician, 94; Viscount Wimborne, 49.

New officers

Bakers' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Bakers' Company for the ensuing year: Master, Mr John Eric Kirby; Upper Warden, Mr Stanley Wise; Second Warden, Mr Alderman Paul Henry Newall; Third Warden, Mr Lionel Reginald Springett; Under Warden, Mr Oliver Sunderland.

Company of Makers of Playing Cards

The following have been installed officers of the Company of Makers of Playing Cards for the ensuing year: Master, Mr B.G. Rigg; Senior Warden, Mr G.D. Pannell; Junior Warden, Mr J.G. Thorpe.

Anniversaries

Births: Georges Seurat, painter, creator of Pointillism, Paris, 1859; George Minot, physician, Nobel laureate 1934, Boston, Massachusetts, 1885; Sir John Barbirolli, conductor, London, 1899.

Deaths: Hernán Cortés, conqueror of the Aztecs, Seville, 1547; Adelaide, queen consort of William IV, Bentley Priory, Stanmore, Middlesex, 1849.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr A.S. Bromovsky and Miss F.A. Sturridge

The engagement is announced between Tony, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Josef Bromovsky, of Ovington Street, London, and Fabia, daughter of Dr J. Sturridge, of Harley Street, London, and Mrs M. Bowman Vaughan, of Mardon House, Northumberland.

Mr J.A. Cane and Mrs E.G. Higson

The engagement is announced between James Andrew, younger son of Dr and Mrs C.S. Cane, of Marsh House, Hungerford, Berkshire, and Elizabeth Gillian, only daughter of Lieutenant Commander and Mrs Peter Cane, of Downfields, Eastergate, West Sussex.

Mr M.C. Cook and Miss C.T. Beard

The engagement is announced between Mark, younger son of the late Captain Frank Cook, CA, and Mrs Betty Cook, of Fleet, Hampshire, and Caroline, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Clifford Beard, of Hyde Heath, Buckinghamshire.

Mr J.M. French and Miss K.C. Tremlett

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, only son of Mr and Mrs Murray French, of Modbury, Longdown, near Exeter, Devon, and Katherine Christabel, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Tremlett, of Knowle House, Knowle, near Budleigh Salterton, Devon.

Mr K.J. Fuller Miss M.T. McDonnell

The engagement is announced between Kevin, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Harold William Fuller, of Cobham, Surrey, and Maria Tracey, youngest daughter of Mrs M.O. McDonnell, of Ealing, London W5.

Mr M.E.J. Graham and Miss C.J. Cock

The engagement is announced between Michael, eldest son of Mr and Mrs J.E.L. Graham, of Shantallow, Dromore, Co Down, and Caroline, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.J. Cock, of Formby, Liverpool.

Mr S.C. Gorst and Miss S.L. Gilchrist

The engagement is announced between Sebastian Chadwick, son of Mr John Gorst, MP and Mrs Gorst, and Sarah Louise, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs R.D. Gilchrist, of West Compton, Somerset.

Mr R.H.M. Horner and Miss S.J. Corden

The engagement is announced between Rupert, elder son of Mr and Mrs J.P.M. Horner, of Sevenoaks, Kent, and Susie, daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs G. Corden, of Warnford, Hampshire.

Mr J.W. Maunyard and Miss A.M. Packe-Drury-Lowe

The engagement is announced between John Warwick, son of Mr and Mrs B.J. Munyard, of El Puiet, Ordino, Principality of Andorra, and Alice Mary, daughter Mr S.J. Packe-Drury-Lowe, of Prestwold Hall, Loughborough, Leicestershire, and Mrs L.J.M. Packe-Drury-Lowe.

Mr A.I.N. Lambert and Miss T.L. Brain

The engagement is announced between Ian, eldest son of Mr and Mrs A.B. Lambert, of Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, and Tina, eldest daughter of the late Mr M.R. Brain and of Mrs M.B. Brain, of Llangorse, Brecon.

Mr T.V.W. Kark and Miss J.M.H. Cornes

The engagement is announced between Tom, only son of Mr and Mrs Leslie Kark, of London, SW7, and Judy, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Ralph Cornes, of Staverton, Northants.

Mr D.J. Palmer and Miss S.P. Jorgensen

The engagement is announced between David, son of Dr and Mrs E.G. Palmer, of Wivenhoe, Essex, and Susan, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.C. Jorgensen, of Walden Manor, Orpington, Kent.

Mr T.H.R. Porter and Miss A.C. Tyler

The engagement is announced between Timothy, son of Mr and Mrs Henry Porter, of Ponteland, Northumberland, and Angela, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Tyler, of Mickleover, Derbyshire.

Mr N.J. Shergold and Miss J.L.A. Kember

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, youngest son of the late Mr J. Shergold and of Mrs M. Shergold, of Rugby, Warwickshire, and Jane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs A.A. Kember, of Dunchurch, Warwickshire.

Mr R.A. Smith and Miss L.M. Inglis

The engagement is announced between Ralph, elder son of the Revd and Mrs Ralph Smith, of 2 Blackford Hill View, Edinburgh, and Lucy, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian Inglis, Cambuswallace, Biggar.

Mr R.K. Westhead and Miss H.C. Rodgers

The engagement is announced between Keith, second son of Mr and Mrs Ronald Westhead, of Walsall, and Helen, daughter of Dr and Mrs David Rodgers, of Fenstanton, Cambridgeshire.

Marriage

Mr T.E. Newton and Miss S.J. de Falbe

The marriage took place on Thursday in the Chapel Royal, St James's Palace, of Mr Thomas Edward Newton, son of the late Mr F.E. Newton and of Mrs Newton, of Brimscombe, Gloucestershire, and Miss Sophia Jane de Falbe, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs C.V.W. de Falbe, of Bicknoller, Somerset. The Sub-Dean of Her Majesty's Chapels Royal, the Revd Canon Anthony Caesar, officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Caroline Hanbury, Katie Fremantle, Edward Coles, and Toby Deneslow. Mr Peter Quine was best man.

Luncheons and dinners

King's College London

The Hon Colin Moynihan, MP, the Minister for Sport, was the guest of honour at a luncheon given yesterday at King's College London by the Principal, Professor Stewart Sutherland. The luncheon marked the tenth anniversary of the Drug Control and Teaching Centre and was also attended by members of the College and the Sports Council.

Canada-United Kingdom Chamber of Commerce

Mr Murray Lawrence, Chairman of Lloyd's, was the guest of honour and principal speaker at a luncheon given by the Canada-United Kingdom Chamber of Commerce at Stationers' Hall yesterday. Mr Michael Lowe, vice-president, presided and the other guests included the Canadian High Commissioner and the Minister of Social Services and Housing for British Columbia.

Dinners

HQ RAF Support Command

Air Marshal Sir John Sutton, Air Officer Commanding in Chief, RAF Support Command, and Officers of the Brampton Park Officers' Mess held a guest night last night. Wing Commander P.L. Hickey presided and Wing Commander J.I. Morgan-Jones also spoke.

17th/21st Lancers

The Annual Officers Dinner of the 17th/21st Lancers was held last night at The Cavalry and Guards Club, in the presence of Lieutenant Colonel Shaun Longsdon, Colonel of the Regiment.

Company of Makers of Playing Cards

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, attended the annual dinner of the Company of Makers of Playing Cards held last night at the Mansion House. Mr B.G. Rigg, Master, presided and the other speakers were the Lord Mayor, Mr J.J. Warr and Mr G.D. Pannell, Senior Warden. The guests included:

The High Commissioner for Australia.

Masters of the Grocers', Painter-Stainers', Plasterers', Salters' and Feltmakers' Companies and the Master Cutler in Hallamshire.

Society of County Treasurers

The Annual Dinner of the Society of County Treasurers was held on December 1, 1988, at Stationers' Hall. The President, Mr David Morgan, County Treasurer of Avon County Council was in the chair and the principal guests and speakers were Sir Philip Jones CB, Chairman of the Electricity Council, and Mr H.J. Davies, Controller, The Audit Commission for Local Authorities in England and Wales. Representatives of County Councils and Local Authority Associations and the heads of a number of Civil Service Departments were also present.

London Society of Rugby Football Union Referees

Mr R.A.B. Crowe, President of the London Society of Rugby Football Union Referees, presided at the 100th anniversary dinner held last night at the Cafe Royal. The other speakers were Mr John R. Simpson, President of the Rugby Football Union, Mr Robert B. Burrell, Lieutenant-Colonel Robert M. Cannons and Mr Nicholas Cousins.

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh will visit Catterick Garrison, North Yorkshire, and open the St John's Centre at 10.10 and, as Colonel-in-Chief, will visit The Queen's Royal Irish Hussars at Cambrai Barracks, at 10.35.

The Duke of Gloucester, as Patron of the Society of Engineers, will attend a luncheon at the Royal Over-seas League at 12.15

Princess Alexandra will open the new "Avenue Tower" for the Wildfowl Trust at Caerlaverock, Glencaple, Dumfriesshire, at 2.15.

Gresham College

Professor A. Field and Mr D.N. Vermont presided jointly at a seminar and dinner discussion on 'Decent Media' held last night at Mercers' Hall, London EC2.

Receptions

Scottish Financial Enterprise

Scottish Financial Enterprise (SFE), hosted its annual London cocktail party, on Thursday evening, at the Caledonian Club, London SW1, attended by representatives of its membership, the media and others.

The Museums Association

Dr Patrick Boylan, President of The Museums Association, was the host at a reception held on Wednesday night in the British Museum to mark the Centenary of the Association. The principal guest of honour was Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Patron of the Association, who congratulated the Association on its centenary and cut a birthday cake. Mr Ian Spero, of Spero Communications, sponsor, and Councillor Michael Tierney, Institutional Vice-President, responded.

OBITUARIES

WILLIAM STEPHENSON

Trainer who did the double



Mr William ("Willie") Stephenson, the only surviving Englishman ever to have saddled a winner of both the Derby and the Grand National, died on November 29. He was 77.

His achievements in capturing the biggest prizes on the Flat and under National Hunt Rules are, nevertheless, overshadowed by the deeds of the horse that must be judged by far his most popular and successful: Sir Ken, thrice Champion Hurdler between 1952 and 1954. Sir Ken very much illustrated a staple ingredient in Stephenson's success: an unerring eye for a likely young horse before anyone else.

In 1950, Stephenson was on a rare holiday in Paris and decided to take a "busman's holiday" to watch the jumping at Auteuil. There, in a hurdle race, ridden into third place by a little-known jockey was a raw, inexperienced bay three year-old. Stephenson considered he should have won in a canter. He discreetly approached the owner and, with a partner, a sale was made at about £1,000.

So Sir Ken came to The Ridings, Royston, where, for years, the sight of Stephenson's horses winding up the gallops was a pleasant foretaste of racing on the way to Newmarket. Sir Ken more than proved his trainer had made no mistake. His first English race, the Lancashire Hurdle at Liverpool in April, 1951, was easily won on the bridle, and he was sold on to Maurice Kingsley, the Manchester businessman.

Thereafter, partnered almost invariably by the champion jockey, Tim Molony, Sir Ken remained unbeaten for three seasons, winning 16 consecutive hurdle races, including the Champion Hurdle twice. The following year, Sir Ken was beaten in his first race by Impney, but gained revenge in the next Champion Hurdle when he pushed his first British conqueror into second place.

Sir Ken remains one of the outstanding true champions of the post-war jumping era, quicksilver over his obstacles, plentifully endowed with grit and stamina, yet with acceleration even on the punishing Cheltenham run-in in heavy going. More than that, there was no finer advertisement for the skill of Willie Stephenson in the art of schooling and as a trainer.

Stephenson came of a County Durham family which was very much involved in farming, hunting, steeplechasing and breeding horses. His cousin, Arthur, is today's most prolific trainer in the North.

Willie Stephenson, who was born on October 9, 1911, rode early, following the South Durham Hounds. Through that connection he was apprenticed when he was 14 to the Newmarket trainer, Major Vandy Beatty. His career as a jockey had early success when he rode Niantic, who deadheated with Medal in the 1927 Cambridgeshire.

Other victories occurred in the Yorkshire Cup and Manchester November Handicap. He became second jockey at the late Sir Cecil Boyd-Rochfort's stable, and played an important role on the gallops in "The Captain's" successes, just as he helped, at one point, Basil Briscoe prepare the great Golden Miller during his phenomenal career.

Stephenson gave up riding to become a trainer in 1945, having served during the war in the Royal Artillery. His beginnings at Royston were small indeed, but by 1948 he had built up a mixed stable nearly 50 strong. Little more than a decade later, this figure was almost doubled to 90: a large string for those days.

Until his retirement in 1980, Stephenson accordingly sent out a stream of winners, but the 1950s must be judged his most successful decade. Sir Ken apart, he achieved early in his career an ambition which most trainers endure a lifetime without realizing: Arctic Prince, in the colours of Mr "Joe" McGrath won the 1951 Derby. True, it was widely considered a poor year but the colt do no more nor less than that which his trainer had well prepared him for: to be the best at Epsom on his day.

Six years later, Stephenson's eye was again caught by a potential top-class horse, a point-to-pointer called Oxo, for which he gave 3,000 guineas. Asked, rather foolishly, what he intended to do with him, Stephenson replied: "Win the National." Which, in a substantial and popular gamble, Oxo proceeded to do in 1959, ridden by Michael Scudamore, father of the present champion National Hunt Rider, Peter.

Only four out of 34 runners survived the course; at Becher's Brook second time round, Tim Brookshaw, the jockey on Wyndburgh, the eventual runner-up, shouted to Scudamore: "Look, no feet." A stirrup iron had snapped. Nonetheless, Wyndburgh almost closed the gap on a tiring Oxo on the long run-in, and the post came just in time.

Success at the Cheltenham Festival was another mark of Stephenson's skill, and winners he saddled at this highest level include Portarlington, Greektown, Time, Panisse and Barberyn. On the Flat, he sent out the 1954 Eclipse winner King Of The Tudors, and, in the same year, Feevagh, successful in the Yorkshire Oaks, as well as two winners of the Ascot Stakes in Guerrier and Delmere.

True to his background, Stephenson successfully combined training with farming, and another very important part of his life was his role in the revival, with Ken Oliver, of the Doncaster Bloodstock Sales which he helped to build back into a flourishing enterprise. All of which bears witness to his tireless application. This, combined with an inborn shrewdness, made him, above all, what might be termed "a trainer's trainer".

He married in 1940 Barbara ("Bobbie") Nicholson. There were five daughters.

PROFESSOR HANS KALMUS

Genetics as the clue to sense perception

Professor Hans Kalmus, a distinguished member of that band of scientists who fled Nazi persecution and came to Britain before the war, died on November 24, aged 82.

He carried out pioneering research in biological rhythms, animal behaviour and the genetics of sense perception (including colour blindness) in a long career based on University College, London. Indeed he was working in his laboratory until a few days before his death.

He was born in Prague and read zoology at the German University there. From 1931 he was a lecturer but in 1939 he left Prague abruptly with his wife and family, and arrived in London, where he immediately went to work at University College.

As a student he had already done research on the rhythms of insect hatching and on the "time sense" of bees, showing that both these things could be affected by temperature.

In 1937, with a band of colleagues from all over Europe, he had founded the International Society for Biological Rhythms, at Ronneby, in Sweden.

During the war he was part of J. B. S. Haldane's team which explored problems of decompression, thus improving the chances of escaping from sunken submarines, as well as having a bearing on all diving practices.

This was all relevant to his own concerns, as his work on periods of recovery from the effects of the toxic gases sometimes created in circumstances of too rapid decompression, gave him useful data on biological clocks.

While taking his turn at fire watching during the Blitz, Kalmus also found time to write his book *Genetics*, which has been translated into several languages, and is known all over the world. Though not conceived as a text book, it became one, and was, in its day, the bible of students of the subject.

At the end of the war Kalmus lectured in genetical themes to German prisoners of war, convincingly explaining to them how wrong-headed Nazi notions of eugenics and race had been.

Back in Gower Street, he helped to reestablish genetics teaching and developed his own work which branched into such fields as colour blindness and sense of smell. He demonstrated, for example, that dogs who could distinguished between individuals by sense of smell, failed completely in the case of identical twins; and this led him to the conclusion that body odour was genetically determined.

In his youth Kalmus had been a fine athlete and he carried on skiing for sixty years. He was also a poet and recently published a selection of his German verse.

He leaves his widow, Anna (Nussy), their two sons and a daughter.

BRIGADIER JOHN MELLSOP

With the Indian Army in Burma

Brigadier John Mellsop, CBE, a well-known figure in the pre-Independence Indian Army who had a career after the Second World War as a Conservative Party agent, died on November 30, aged 80.

Mellsop was educated at Reading School and Sandhurst and was commissioned into the Royal Berkshire Regiment in 1927. After early service in India he transferred to the Indian Army. He was involved with the 4th Battalion in the successful elimination of terrorism in Bengal, and later served on the North-West Frontier.

In 1940 he graduated from the Staff College at Quetta. His advancement was rapid. He was promoted to command the 6th Battalion Majratta Light Infantry and was twice mentioned in despatches for his part in the gruelling Imphal battles which broke the Japanese attempt to advance on Delhi.

He was appointed GSO I in 23rd Indian Division and was again mentioned in despatches during operations in Java following the Japanese surrender.

He was made responsible for the conduct of truce talks between the Dutch and Indonesians at Medan. Acting as neutral President of their Joint Committee, he displayed considerable negotiating skills and brought the talks to a successful conclusion, thus ending hostilities in the Netherlands East Indies in 1946. This achievement was recognized by the award of a military CBE.

In 1947 after Indian independence, he was appointed chief Staff Officer of the East Punjab Command, based on Delhi and specially formed for internal security and to protect refugee movement between the newly-established states of India and Pakistan.

In this capacity he mounted and administered the Indian operations in Kashmir, but independence had brought to an end his career and he retired in 1948.

On return to the UK he qualified as a Conservative political agent in 1949 and spent the next 17 years working for the party in the Wessex area.

In 1966 he was transferred to Central Office and appointed finance officer in the organization department. On retirement he engaged in voluntary work for the London Marriage Guidance Council.

In his younger days Mellsop excelled in sport, being an athletics "Blue" at Sandhurst and in 1927 was a Gold Medal winner in the Berkshire Half Mile. But his great love was Rugby Football.

He married twice. His first wife died in 1964 and the second in 1983.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PERSONAL

And Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God. And all the people answered, Amen, Amen, with lifting up their hands, and they bowed their heads, and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground.
Nehemiah 8:6

BIRTHS

BAKER - On December 1st 1988, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Karen (née Hartwell) and Nicholas, a daughter.

BUNTING - On November 23rd, to Miranda (née Bevis) and Bill, a son, Harry Guy, a brother for Rosie.

CAMPBELL - On St. Andrew's Day, to Marina and Jamie, a daughter.

COSH - On November 29th, to Lindy and Paul, twin daughters, Harriet and Georgina. Mother and babies, fit, well and beautiful.

DAVIDSON - On November 21st 1988, to Maddalena (née Berghero) and Timothy, a son, Nicholas Alexander, a brother for Thomas.

ELAND - On November 27th 1988 to Rhiannon Wynn Jones wife of Michael Eland, a son, Thomas George Benjamin. A brother for Charlotte.

ELLIOTT - On November 29th, at Central Middlesex Hospital, to Rosanna (née Gerard) and Martin, a son, Benedict Edward Henry.

FISHER - On November 19th, to Carolyn (née Hunt) and Tim, a daughter, Louisa Clare.

IRELAND - On November 30th, at Kingston Hospital, to Melanie (née Burton) and Robert, a daughter Sophie Natasha, a sister for Emma.

LOBB - On November 11th, at St Peters Hospital, Chertsey, to Caroline (née Salt) and Ian, a son Charles Nicholas Kenneth. Congratulations!

PHENIX - On November 22nd, in Malacca, Malaysia, to Monica (née Cid) and Paul, a daughter, Sarah Rachel Helena, a 7lb sister for Michael.

ROBERTSON-MICHAAC - On November 26th, to Elizabeth (née Hooper) and John, a daughter, Alice Rosemary.

SEARS - On November 30th 1988 to Pippa (née Pigot) and William, a son, David William, to Sydney, Australia

SMITH - On November 30th, to Julia and Humphrey, a son, Samuel Geoffrey Gladstone.

SMITH - On November 24th at John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, to Caroline (née Buchanan) and Paul, a daughter, Emily Margaret Alice.

TAYLOR - On November 23rd 1988, in New York, to Camilla (née de Ferranti) and Michael, a son, Luke Hugo Bethune.

WAKEFORD - On November 28th, to Alice (née Clark) and Joe, a son, George Daniel.

WYMAN - On November 29th, to Joy (née Foster) and Peter, a daughter, Gemma Louise.

WYNN JONES - Sea Eland.

DEATHS

ANTONIOU - On November 27th, suddenly at home, Nicos K., dearly beloved husband of Irene and father of Kraig, Andreas and Julia. The service and funeral will be held at St Sophia's Greek Orthodox Church, Moscow Road, London today at 10.30am.

BALFOUR - On November 30th, peacefully at home, Ana, M.B., C.H.B., wife of Dr. G.M. Balfour and much loved mother and grandmother.

COLLINS - On November 29th 1988, peacefully at Amesbury, Elizabeth, Rosamond (Ros) formerly of High Leaze or Oare, Wilts. After a long illness bravely borne, beloved sister, aunt and great aunt. Funeral service on Wednesday December 7th 11.30am at Holy Cross Church, Wilcot, nr. Pewsey, followed by private cremation. Flowers to G.W. Burden, Church Street, Amesbury, Wilts.

CROSSMAN - On November 29th, 1988, peacefully, and at home after a long illness borne with great courage and good humour, Bill, loved and loving husband of Charmian and father of Clare and David. Funeral service will take place at St John the Baptist Church, Upperby, Carlisle, at 11am, Monday December 5th, followed by cremation. Family flowers only, but donations, if desired, to Carlisle and District Hospice Appeal, Midland Bank, Broadacre House, Carlisle CA3 8DA. Enquiries to W.H. Reeves (01228) 21307. All friends welcome at the church.

CUTTLE - On December 1st, peacefully at Herrison Hospital, Dorchester, Ethel Maud (Babs) aged 86, much loved widow of Ralph Cuttle. Mother of Geoffrey, and grandmother of Mary, Ann and Edward. Funeral service at St. Mary of Bethany, Woking, at 12.30 pm on Wednesday December 7th, followed by private cremation. No flowers, but donations if desired, to Alzheimer's Disease Society (Research), 158/160 Balham High Road, London SW12 9BN.

DAW - On November 29th, peacefully at home, Anorah, wife of the late Charles Bennett Daw, most beloved aunt of Anorah, loving mother, aunt and greataunt. Funeral service Tuesday December 6th, 1pm, at Mortlake Crematorium. Flowers to J.H. Kenyon, 49 Marloes Road, Kensington W8.

ELLERTON - On November 30th, after a great fight, John Francis Wilton Major (Hon. Lt. Col) RA retd. Husband of Molly and father of John and Tony. Funeral at Salisbury Crematorium on Wednesday December 7th at 1.30 pm. No flowers by request.

HANSON - On November 28th 1988, at home, Roy Ian. Beloved husband of Isobel, father of Susan and Georgina, father-in-law of Peter and Ernst, and grandfather of Michael. Service on Monday December 5th at St Mary's, High Street, Maidenhead, at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations to Missionary Aviation Fellowship, care of St Mary's.

HAYDON - On November 29th 1988, Professor Denis Haydon. Funeral at 1.45pm on Wednesday December 7th at St Edward King and Martyr, Cambridge. Donations please to Doctor Marcus Research Fund, Haematology Department, Addenbrook's Hospital, Cambridge.

JOEL - On November 30th, brave to the end, at The Sussex Nuffield Hospital, Joyce Gertrude (née Langdon) widow of Frederick Joel, mother of the late Fenella Joel. Family flowers only. If desired, donations to Cancer Research, c/o Pia Henderson, 138a Gwydir St., Cambridge CB1 2LL.

JONES - On Thursday December 1st 1988, peacefully at his home on Jersey Ct. Ernest Clive, aged 78 years. Private family funeral. Donations may be sent to Jersey Hospice Care, c/o Mr David Norman, Norman Ltd, Commercial Buildings, St. Helier Jersey CI.

MEADOWCROFT - On Tuesday November 29th 1988, peacefully, George, sadly missed by his children Anne, Margaret and Philip.

OGILVY-WEBB - On November 30th, James, suddenly. Funeral on December 7th at 2.45 pm at Golders Green Crematorium.

PALMER - On November 28th, Jeremy John, aged 46, loving husband of Carole, devoted father of Andrew, Simon and Penelope, beloved eldest son of Mavis and Sidney John and dear brother of Timothy, Jonathan and Christopher. Donations to, The British Heart Foundation, would be appreciated.

RYBURN - On November 30th 1988, peacefully in Old Wall Cottage Nursing Home, Betchworth, Raymond Stepdman, aged 83 years, formerly of Swanage, Dorset. Funeral service on Tuesday December 6th at 4.30 pm at The Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, Worth, Nr. Crawley.

SHIER - On November 28th 1988, Richard Ievers Shier, Tregunwith Wood, Mylor, Cornwall, aged 77 years. A General Practitioner in Penryn, for 28 years.

SMITH - On November 25th 1988, Geoffrey Bellfield Smith of Urmston, Cheshire. Cremation has taken place.

STEPHENSON - On Tuesday November 29th 1988, at Arthur Rank House, Cambridge, William Stephenson, aged 77 years, of "The Riddings" Royston, Herts. Beloved husband of Bobby and a dear father and grandfather. He will be greatly missed by all. Cremation private. Family flowers only please but donations for Arthur Rank House gratefully accepted. c/o Cecil Newling Funeral Directors, 3 Green Drift, Royston, Herts.

SWANN - On November 30th, suddenly and peacefully at home, John Wilfrid Fowell, aged 76. Beloved husband of Jacqueline, father of Michael, grandfather of Alexandra, John, Olivia and Henry. Private funeral. Memorial service to be announced later.

TANNER - On November 27th 1988, very peacefully in Perth, Australia, Godfrey Britton. Lovingly remembered by Mary, Myra, Norah, Freda, Pauline, Rosaleen, Angela, Bernadette, Godfrey, Sean, Kevin and all relatives and friends.

THOMPSON - On November 30th 1988, peacefully at Sue Ryder Home, Cheltenham, Addison Roy F.R.I.B.A., Cremation on Thursday December 8th 1988, at 2.00pm at Cheltenham. Enquiries and donations to Cancer Research, to Selim Smith & Co Ltd, 74 Prestbury Road, Cheltenham. Tel: (0242) 525383.

WARNER - On November 19th 1988, suddenly and tragically in Detroit, Michael Kelly (Mickey) aged 31, dearly beloved husband of Barbara, adored son of Morgan and Irene, loving brother of Robert, Patrick, Suzanne Warner Burgess of Wimbledon Park, Kathleen and Timothy. Dear son in law of Clifford and Nancy Dilberry. Also leaves three nieces and six nephews. Terribly missed by his family and many friends, he will be remembered for his kindness, sense of humour and love of life. A light has truly gone out.

WENHAM - On November 30th, peacefully at his home, Edward John M.B.E., of Oldbury Rd., St Johns, Worcester. Funeral service at Worcester Crematorium on Tuesday December 6th at 1pm. Family flowers only please but, if desired, donations please to Marie Curie Memorial Foundation, c/o Barclays Bank, St Johns, Worcester.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

LEWIN - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Sylvia Lewin will be held on Saturday January 21st 1989, at 2.30pm at the Church of The Good Shepherd, Pyrford, Surrey.

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GARDAM - A Service of Thanksgiving for life of Bill Gardam will be held at 12 noon on Saturday, December 10th, at Christ Church, Kingston Road, Staines, Middlesex.

WAGHMAN - Edward. Forever in our hearts. Love, all his friends.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

EDES - The family and close friends of George and Hideko wish to express their sincere thanks for the help and support they have received from very many sources. Also to everyone who attended Weymouth Crematorium and for the floral tributes and generous donations which are being received for the West Dorset Childrens Centre Appeal c/o Grassby Funeral Service, 16 Princes Street, Dorchester, Dorset. Please accept this as a personal message of thanks.

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FRIDAY PAGE

Star crossed marriages

When a Jew marries a Gentile there are mixed feelings, writes Sally Brompton

TOM STOCKILL



Not everyone was happy when Richard and Sally Sherwin wed: "Marrying a Christian was bad enough, but a pig farmer . . ."

When Sally Sherwin married Richard, she committed the ultimate Jewish sin. Not only was he not the classic nice Jewish boy, he was also a pig farmer. "Marrying a Christian was bad enough, but a pig farmer . . ." recalls Sally, aged 30. Her determination to follow her heart rather than the rigid dictates of her forefathers is typical of an increasing number of British Jews, one third of whom now marry out of the faith.

At a seminar this Sunday at the Sternberg Centre for Judaism, Rabbi Jonathan Romain will deal with the whole concept of mixed marriage, from the enforced registry office wedding through the minefield of bringing up children to the question of whether death should them part. The rabbi will also be looking at the attitude of in-laws, a major problem for the Sherwins. "When we broke the news of our engagement to Richard's parents, the champagne came out," Sally recalls. "But breaking it to *my* parents was more like a wake. My mum was always on my side and my father eventually came round to it, but his mother has just dismissed us, really. As a result, my father hasn't spoken to her since we got married, which I feel bad about."

Brought up in a non-orthodox Jewish atmosphere — "I'm Jewish, and proud to be Jewish, but it's never featured much in my life" — Sally nevertheless admits: "I never saw myself getting married to anyone but a Jewish man."

Sally and Richard, aged 37, have a two-year-old son, James, who has been circumcised and "will have a religion of some sort", says Sally, who is expecting their second child on Christmas Day.

"I never felt any guilt about wanting to marry Richard," Sally says. "I was prepared to do it and face the consequences."

This is an attitude shared by many of the Jews who marry out of their faith. Certainly, David Rutman had no qualms about marrying a Methodist. "It didn't really matter to me one way or another as long as we were happy," says David, aged 40. He spends the Jewish "high days and holy days" with his mother, "but my wife, Jane, doesn't choose to come. She elected not to go through a formal conversion."

They intend to let their daughters, Zoë, aged eight, and Joanna, six, make their own decisions about their religious beliefs when they are old enough. Jane, aged 34, worries about anti-Jewish attitudes. "I'm quite sensitive sometimes about saying my husband is Jewish. And I don't like it when people make Jewish jokes. If David was very religious, we just couldn't get on like we do."

For July McVittie, however, Judaism is an important part of her life and one which she deeply minds not being able to share with her atheist husband, John. So far, their four-year marriage has, according to July, aged 30, flourished on compromise. With a three-year-old daughter, Madeleine, and plans to have another child next year, July says: "I don't know what will happen if our next child is a boy. John's not very happy about circumcision and I don't like making him unhappy but I shall have to persist. It's an awful thing to say, but God willing, I'll have a little girl."

While John, a 41-year-old computer consultant, chose not to talk about his marriage, his wife admitted: "I wish he would convert. I wish we could have a proper Jewish life. I go to synagogue and see all these Jewish bachelors around and think, 'I could have married one of them' — but then I think, 'I've got the man I love.' But it is a conflict."

● *The seminar is on Sunday at 2.45pm at the Sternberg Centre for Judaism, 80 East End Road, London N3, and is open to both members of mixed marriages.*

A right to say nothing



BARBARA AMIEL

For all sorts of reasons, the description of an accused terrorist responding to a female police officer's questions by exposing himself really hit my nerves. IRA members are advised to respond to interrogations by silence and adopt different tactics to amuse themselves. They may lie on the floor like animals or unzip their trousers. A policeman's lot, I suppose, but surely the librettist never anticipated this sort of humiliation.

It was against this background that the Home Secretary introduced limitations in Northern Ireland on the right to remain silent. An accused still doesn't have to answer questions, of course, but his refusal can now be brought to the jury's attention and his silence can be taken as corroboration of any facts which he refuses to explain. I caught Lord Denning on television applauding this move. "The innocent long to speak and explain," he was saying.

This was supported by Lord Hailsham who, in a colourful speech in the House of Lords, dismissed those of us who worry about changing the rules as "foxhunters". We are transfixed by our devotion to style and concentrate on the rules to the point of not seeing what we are doing to the fox, he explained, as he outlined the dispute between Benthamites and Blackstonians. This made me pause and wonder why I feel so strongly about retaining the untrammelled right to silence.

The right to silence has been key to the adversarial system of justice here in England. It reflects an inherent mistrust of the potential power of the state and was expressed as early as Magna Carta. Behind this was the idea that if the state is going to interfere in a man's life, it must show that it is authorized in law to do so. It cannot, as the Star Chamber did, poke about questioning individuals trying to find something with which they can be charged. The state must have a "case to meet" before it interferes with a man's liberty and no man should be required to assist the state in compiling that case, nor should his silence speak against him.

Lord Hailsham dismisses those people who wax eloquent about the untrammelled right to silence by pointing out that it never existed before 1898. That seems to me just a little glib. The reasons for a man not being able to give evidence on his own behalf in English courts before 1898 are complex, as are the reasons for the evolution of this right during the last one hundred years. I can't help feeling that the dismissal of this right as just another set of "fox hunting" rules is a little cavalier

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when we are talking about an entire edifice of law built up during the most civilized period of English jurisprudence.

There are, of course, other systems of justice beside our adversarial one — most notably the inquisitorial system favoured on the Continent. In that system the accused most certainly cannot stand mute but that is for one very good reason. In the inquisitorial system the questioning is done by a magistrate, not the police. That doesn't answer all concerns but it does introduce one very important element missing from the English system. One reason for reconsidering any limitation on the right to silence ought to be that we don't want a British system which would have the disadvantages of both the adversarial system and the inquisitorial system without the safeguards of both.

To my mind, though, the key to this whole argument lies in the circumstances which bring it about: it is an emergency situation in Northern Ireland that gives us the Diplock courts and the Prevention of Terrorism Act. If we are now going to alter the right to silence — a legal tradition that has existed for nearly a hundred years because of very specific events, shouldn't we restrict it to those events? If this clashes with our egalitarian intincts which want to see all people treated the same by the law, I find it most disturbing that we would resolve this in favour of treating everybody from traffic offenders to burglars with the methods that are appropriate for handling terrorists.

But most importantly of all, one dislikes the curtailment of the right to silence because it is part of a greater success of terrorism. There is a nasty spirit abroad that expresses itself in the curtailment of free speech and all the elements that go along with it: this spirit is impatient of jury trials, is manifest in the new censorship rules concerning Sinn Fein, is impatient with a system that allows suspects to remain silent when convictions are difficult enough.

There is an old saying that hard cases make bad laws and, truism though it is, it is none the less accurate. It may be very difficult to convict terorists but nevertheless we should not lose sight, I think, of the terrorist's principal goal — as much a part of his handbook as the advice on how to take advantage of legal safeguards. The primary aim of terrorism is to force societies into barbaric postures — to change us in such a way as to make us lose our democratic nature and begin resembling the terorrists themselves. We must not hand them this on a platter. Mrs Thatcher wishes to deprive the terrosits of "the oxygen of publicity" and I certainly don't disagree with her, but alas, free speech and the adversarial system are also the oxygen of liberal democracy. We may restrict and both choke the rats to death, but without that oxygen, we will choke before they do.

GETTING TO THE HEART OF THE MATTER FOR ANGLO-JEWRY

The Jew who falls in love with a non-Jew and perseveres with the relationship despite family opposition is both a dramatic cliché and an encapsulation of one of Anglo-Jewry's abiding concerns. The theme of love across community boundaries is an old one and sympathy usually lies with the couple and a belief in the principle, *amor vincit omnia.*

Be it Jew with Gentile, Catholic with Protestant, the familiar scenario persists. But it is worth asking how the drama looks to the minority community concerned and exploring whether there is any substance to its anxieties.

Anglo-Jewry is no larger than 330,000 souls. Its very smallness means that it plays the numbers game almost obsessively. Can such a small community retain its distinctive identity and continue to support the superstructures of a national religious grouping?

Mixed marriages present a problem to the Jewish community almost exclusively because the likelihood is that the family will be lost to Judaism. In a predominantly secular society, most of those in mixed relationships bring their children up as nothing in particular.

And the Jewish community is almost wholly united in seeing outmarriage as a threat to the passing on of a uniquely valuable religious tradition.

Those Jews who integrate into society without wishing to be assimilated by it, walk a tightrope. But a certain level of outmarriage seems inevitable from social integration.

Some rabbis also walk a tightrope. This particular tightrope links two almost contradictory messages. The first is that since outmarriage is such a threat, it should be avoided. The second says to those who have entered such relationships that there is still a place for them within the Jewish community. Many feel the latter weakens their fundamental position.

One problem unites almost every rabbi in the United Kingdom. Since the marriage ceremony in Jewish law is a contract between two Jews to set up a Jewish home, and since rabbis have no special power of blessing, there is no place for them as rabbis and leaders of the Jewish community at mixed marriage ceremonies. That can cause pain to all concerned.

This Sunday's seminar in the Sternberg Centre for Judaism is intended as a realistic response to an inevitable consequence of living in the modern world. It acknowledges the role played by the heart and seeks to move on constructively.

Rabbi Tony Bayfield

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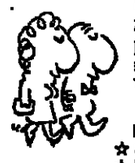
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THEATRE

LONDON

★ **CANDIDE:** Leonard Bernstein's tune-packed musical, part opera, part Broadway.
Old Vic Theatre, Waterloo Rd, SE1 (01-928 7616). Tube: Waterloo. Previews from tonight, 7.30-10pm. Opens Dec 6, 7.45-9.30pm. Then Mon-Fri 7.30-10pm, Sat 7.45-10.15pm; mats Wed 2.30-5pm and Sat 4-6.30pm. Previews £6-£18. From Dec 6 £6-£19.

★ **THE CONQUEST OF THE SOUTH POLE:** As re-enacted by five unemployed youths in a Ruhrland attic.
Royal Court Theatre, Sloane Square, SW1 (01-730 1745). Tube: Sloane Square. Mon-Sat 8pm. Mats Sat 4pm. Mon £4, Tues-Sat eves £5-£12; Sat mat £4-£9.

☆ **HENCEFORWARD:** Ian McKellen and Jane Asher in excellent Ayckbourn. . .
Vaudeville Theatre, Strand, WC2 (01-836 9988). Tube: Charing Cross. Mon-Fri 7.30-9.50pm, Sat 8.30-10.50pm; Mats Wed 2.30-4.50pm and Sat 5-7.20pm. £7.50-£15.

☆ **LADY AUDLEY'S SECRET:** Performance art production of the melodrama by Mrs Braddon.
ICA Theatre, The Mall, SW1 (01-930 3647). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat 8-10pm. £5.50. Until Dec 17.

☆ **THE MADWOMAN OF CHAILLOT:** Eleanor Bron in Giraudoux comedy that fails to survive the years.
Lilian Baylis Theatre, Sadlers Wells, Rosebery Ave, EC1 (01-278 8916). Tube: Angel. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, mats Thurs 2pm and Sat 3pm. £6-£9. Until Dec 10.

☆ **PHILOCTETES:** Cheek by Jowl in London for seven weeks between tours with two "desert island" plays.
Donmar Warehouse, 41 Earlham St, WC2 (01-240 8230). Tube: Covent Garden. Opens tonight 7.30-8.50pm. Then Mon-Sat 7.30-8.50pm; Mats Thurs 2.30-3.50pm and Sat 4-5.20pm. £7-£10; Thurs mats £5.50; Sat mats £6-£9. Plays *alternate weeks with The Tempest.*

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ **Beyond Reasonable Doubt:** Queen's Theatre (01-734 1166) . . . ☆ **Cats:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072) . . . ☆ **Follies:** *Shaftesbury Theatre* (01-379 5399) . . . ☆ **42nd Street:** Drury Lane Theatre (01-836 8108) . . . ☆ **Les Liaisons Dangereuses:** Ambassador Theatre (01-836 6111) . . . ☆ **Me and My Girl:** Adelphi Theatre (01-240 7913) . . . ☆ **Les Miserables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909) . . . ☆ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443) . . . ☆ **The Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244) . . . ☆ **Run for your Wife:** Criterion Theatre (01-930 3216) . . . ☆ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (01-828 8665)

OUT OF TOWN

COVENTRY: ☆ **Our Ellen:** Tina Gray as the irrepressible Ellen Terry: a trip through her life on and off the stage.
Belgrade Studio Theatre, Belgrade Sq *(0203 553055), Mon-Sat, 7.45-10p,* £2.75.

FILMS

■ **Also on national release**
✉ **Advance booking possible**

■ **AU REVOIR, LES ENFANTS (PG):** Louis Malle's drama, set in a provincial boarding school (107 min).
Curzon Mayfair (01-499 3737). Progs 1.30, 3.45, 6.20, 8.50.

■ **BIG (PG):** Tom Hanks plays the child turned grown-up in this latest role-reversal comedy (105 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 1.45, 4.40, 7.10, 9.35.
Odeon High St Kensington (01-602 6644). Progs 1.40, 4.00, 6.20, 8.40.
Odeon Marble Arch (01-723 2011). Progs 1.15, 3.35, 6.15, 8.35.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905, 586 3057). Progs 1.20, 3.35, 6.00, 8.45.

BIRD (15): Clint Eastwood's impressively mounted biography of Charlie Parker with Forest Whitaker (161 min).
Lumiere (01-836 0691). Progs 1.25, 4.35, 7.55, 11.15.
Cannon Fulham Rd (01-370 2636). Progs 1.40, 5.15, 8.45.

COLORS (18): Vivid crime drama from director Dennis Hopper about two Los Angeles cops of clashing temperaments (121 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs *2.30, 6.40, 9.25.*
Odeon West End (01-930 6111). Progs *12.20, 3.00, 6.00, 8.30, 11.45.*

■ **A FISH CALLED WANDA (15):** The adventures of two scheming Americans, an uptight English barrister and an animal rights fanatic (109 min).
Cannon Oxford St (01-636 0310). Progs 1.50, 4.55, 8.05, 11.15.
Cannon Baker St (01-935 9772). Progs 2.20, 5.20, 8.10, 11.00.
Cannon Shaftesbury Ave (01-836 8861/8606). Progs 1.00 (not Sun), 3.25, 5.55, 8.25.
Cannon Fulham Rd (01-370 2636). Progs 2.10, 5.55, 9.05.
✉ **Plaza** (01-200 0200). Progs 1.40, 4.10, 6.30, 9.00, 11.50.

GOOD MORNING, VIETNAM (15): Robin Williams as a DJ sent to Vietnam (121 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 1.30, 4.00, 6.45, 9.25.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 2.00, 5.05, 8.10, 11.15.
✉ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791). Progs 12.45 (not Sun), 3.20, 5.55, 8.30, 11.15.

MIDNIGHT RUN (15): Robert de Niro as a bounty hunter given the job of taking a bail-jumping accountant cross-country (126 min).
Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636). Progs 2.10, 6.05, 9.15.
Empire Leicester Square (01-200 0200). Progs 1.30, 4.05, 6.45, 9.20, 12.00.

SCROOGED (PG): Bill Murray as the TV executive determined to exploit Christmas to the full (101 min).
Plaza (01-200 0200). Progs 12.45, 3.00, 5.10, 7.25, 9.40, 12.00.
Cannon Baker St (01-935 9772). Progs 2.30, 5.30, 8.15, 11.00.
Cannon Fulham Rd (01-370 2636). Progs 2.00, 6.00, 9.00.
Cannon Oxford St (01-636 0310). Progs 1.05, 3.30, 5.55, 8.25, 11.15.
Cannon Shaftesbury Ave (01-836 8861). Progs 1.00 (not Sun), 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.

U2 — RATTLE AND HUM (15): Movie debut of the rock band U2, filmed during their American concert tour (98 min).
Empire (01-200 0200). Progs 2.30, 5.00, 7.15, 9.30, 11.45.

TOP FILMS AND VIDEOS

LONDON:
1 (1) A Fish Called Wanda
2 (—) Scrooged
3 (2) Colors
4 (—) Bird
5 (3) Big
6 (4) Midnight Run
7 (7) Au Revoir les Enfants
8 (5) Good Morning, Vietnam
9 (6) U2 Rattle and Hum
10 (8) Switching Channels
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OUTSIDE LONDON:
1 A Fish Called Wanda
2 Big
3 Good Morning, Vietnam
4 Buster
5 Colors
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UNITED STATES:
1 (—) Scrooged
2 (1) The Land Before Time
3 (4) Oliver and Company
4 (—) Cocoon II
5 (3) Ernest Saves Christmas
6 (2) Child's Play
7 (5) High Spirits
8 (7) The Accused
9 (6) Fresh Horses
10 (8) Iron Eagle II
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VIDEO RENTALS:
1 Robocop
2 E.T.
3 *Predator*
4 Three Men and a Baby
5 The Untouchables
Supplied by: *Video Business*

Heavy rock at the top



With the single "Bad Medicine" at No.1 in the United States until this week and the *New Jersey* album a recent No.1 in both Britain and America, Bon Jovi (from left to right, Richie Sambora, Jon Bon Jovi and Alec John Such) has consolidated its position as the most commercially successful heavy rock group in the world. That accolade was earned by the band's 1986 release *Slippery When Wet*, which currently boasts an astounding tally of 17 million copies sold. Bon Jovi was started from scratch in the early Eighties by the singer Jon Bongiovi, who recruited musicians from among his friends and contacts playing the bars and juke-joints of New Jersey. The band broke itself in with a stint on that same circuit (which in earlier days was where Bruce Springsteen got started) and released a *début album, Bon Jovi, in* May 1984. Their subsequent success undoubtedly hinges on the ability to appeal as much to the (male) gig-goers at a heavy metal roughhouse like Castle Donington as to the (female) teenage viewers of *Top Of The Pops*. Bon Jovi's British tour starts tonight and tomorrow, SECC, Glasgow (041 248 3000) 7.30pm, £12-£13; Monday, Tuesday and Sunday, NEC, Birmingham (021 780 4133); Thursday, December 8, Friday 9, Monday 12 and Tuesday 13, Wembley Arena, Middlesex (01-902 1234). *David Sinclair*

CONCERTS

☆ **NATWEST PLEASURE:** In the NatWest Classics for Pleasure series Carl Davis conducts the LPO in Bach's *Suite No 3, Poulenc's Organ Concerto* (Simon Preston, organ), Weber's *Konzertstück* (Izumi Tsumura, piano).
Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800), 7.30-9.15pm, £5, £2.50.

☆ **FROM GALANTA:** Kodaly's Dances from Galanta open this concert by the SNO under Gyorgy Lehel, which continues with Bartók's Piano Concerto No 2 (Ian Hobson, soloist) and Brahms's Symphony No 2.
Usher Hall, Lothian Rd, Edinburgh (031 228 1155, cc 031 228 5756), 7.30pm. £2.70-£11.50.

★ **SONGMAKERS' STRAUSS:** The *Songmakers' Almanac team* celebrate the life and *Lieder* of Richard Strauss.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore St, London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30pm, returns only.

☆ **TODAY TILL TOMORROW:** In this *"The Reluctant Revolutionary"* concert, Schoenberg's seldom-heard comic opera *Von Heute auf Morgen* is preceded by his *Kol Nidre* and 6 Songs Op 8.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800), 7.45pm, £4.50-£10.

☆ **FROM UTRECHT:** Handel's *Utrecht Te Deum* and Bach's Magnificat are heard from the Edinburgh University *Chamber Choir under Michael Turnbull.*
Edinburgh University, Reid Concert Hall, Lauriston Place, Edinburgh (031 667 1011 ext 4577), 7.45pm, £3.50.

☆ **THE WINNER:** John Lenehan, winner of the Alkan Piano Competition, plays Alkan's *Le Tambour Bat aux Champs, Super Flumina Babylonis,* and Sonatina, Op 61.
Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800), 8pm, £4.

OPERA

★ **THE MAKING OF THE *REPRESENTATIVE FOR PLANET 8:*** Sluggish production and platitudinizing libretto by Doris Lessing do little to make Philip Glass's flabby attempt at a "green" opera an attractive proposition.
English National Opera, Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161), 7.30-10.30pm, £2.50-£26.

☆ **THE MAGIC FLUTE:** Jonathan Miller's relaxed bookish production for Scottish Opera arrives at Bradford on tour.
Alhambra Theatre, Bradford (0274 752000), 7.15-10.30pm, £4.50-£16.

ROCK

☆ ***IGGY POP:*** *Start of extensive* British tour by the wondrously rejuvenated godfather of punk.
University of East Anglia, The Plain, Norwich (0603 505401) 7.30pm, £7.

☆ ***THE MISSION:*** *Goths ahoy. Wayne* Hussey's Seventies-revisited roadshow.
Wembley Arena, Empire Way, Middlesex (01-902 1234) 7.30pm, £7-£8.

☆ **POP WILL EAT ITSELF:** Hip hop fusionists from Stourbridge striking out on their own again after being repeatedly bottled and then thrown off the Public Enemy/Run DMC package tour.
Liverpool University, 2 Bedford St North (051 794 2000) 7.30pm, £4.50-£5.

JAZZ

☆ **HANNIBAL MARVIN PETERSON:** The US trumpeter leads a quartet including pianist Rahn Burton.
100 Club, 100 Oxford Street, London W1 (01-636 0933) 8pm, £5.

☆ **JEAN TOUSSAINT:** Currently based in London, the ex-Art Blakey tenor player takes his inspiration from Wayne Shorter and Hank Mobley.
Brighton Jazz Club, The Concorde, Madeira Drive (info 0273 606460) doors *open 8.30pm, ring for prices.*

☆ **JAN GARBAREK:** The ECM saxophonist explores Nordic folk songs in a New Age ambience.
Queen's Hall, Clerk St, Edinburgh (031 *668 2019) 8.30pm,* £8.50 reserved.



Laura Knight's "Trio Gymnastique" (above) is one of the 20th-century works on display and for sale at this year's London Original Print Fair at the Royal Academy of Arts (see Gallery listings). Now in its fourth year, the print fair has attracted almost 30 exhibitors from the UK, Europe and the US, who will be displaying more than 6,000 original prints of works of art from old masters to contemporary artists, from Canaletto to Chagall and from Rembrandt to Rauschenberg.

DANCE

☆ **APOLLO:** Soloists from London *Festival Ballet give* Balanchine's classic with Bruce's dramatic *Swansong* and showpiece dances by Petipa and Bournonville.
Theatre Royal, Bury St Edmonds (0284 69505), 7.30-10pm, £4-£9.

☆ **DARK ELEGIES:** Rambert Dance Company in Tudor's master work, with Siobhan Davies's *Embarque* and Alston's *Strong Language.*
Theatre Royal, Newcastle upon Tyne (091 232 2061).

☆ **SWAN LAKE:** Patrice Bart's new production for London City Ballet.
Churchill Theatre, Bromley, Kent (01-460 6677), 7.45-10.45pm, £8-£9.50.

GALLERIES

LONDON ORIGINAL PRINT FAIR: See caption.
Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, London W1 (01-439 7438), Daily 10am-6pm, £4, until Dec 5.

THE MOGHUL ART OF MINIATURE PAINTING: Contemporary Indian miniatures.
Commonwealth Institute, Kensington High Street, London W8 (01-603 4535), Mon-Sat 10am-5.30pm, Sun 2-5pm, *free, until Jan 8.*

NATIONAL EXHIBITION OF CHILDREN'S ART: Paintings and sculpture by gifted under-18s.
Plymouth City Museum and Art Gallery, *Drake Circus (0752 264878), Mon-Fri* 10am-5.30pm, Sat 10am-5pm, free, until Jan 6.

WALKS

VICTORIAN LONDON — CITY OF DICKENS AND FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE: meet Tower Hill tube 11.15pm, £3 (01-739 2372).

THE BURIED CITY — LONDON BENEATH THE STREETS: meet Blackfriars tube, 11.30am, £3 (01-937 4281).

GHOSTS, GHOULS AND HAUNTED *TAVERNS:* *meet St Paul's tube, 7pm, £3* (01-937 4281).

OTHER EVENTS

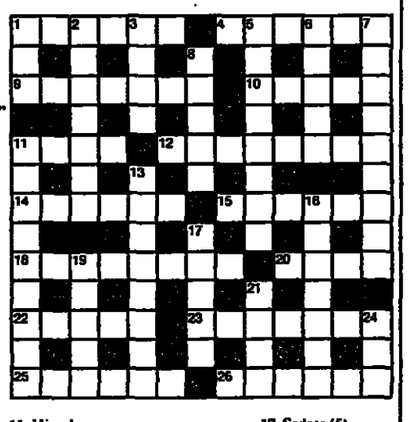
MIDLAND ANTIQUE CERAMICS FAIR: Thirty stands with specialist dealers in porcelain, pottery and glass selling mainly pre-1920 items.
The Royal Oak Hotel, South St, *Leominster, Herefordshire. Today* 2-8pm, tomorrow 11am-5pm. Adult £1.50, accompanied child 50p.

BARBADOS 22ND ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPEDENCE DANCE: Continuous *live entertainment, disco, refreshments* and prizes.
Alexandra Palace, West Hall, Wood Green, London N22 (01-883 6477). 8pm-2am. Tickets £8.

CRAFTS FOR CHRISTMAS SHOW: More than 70 members of the Rural Crafts Association exhibit and sell their work — from Suffolk landscapes to speciality foods. Hot punch and mince pies.
Suffolk Show Ground, Ipswich. Today noon-5pm. Tomorrow and Sunday, 9.30am-5.30pm. Adult £1.50, child free.

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; Films: Geoff Brown; Concerts: Max Harrison; Opera: Hilary Finch; Rock: David Sinclair; Jazz: Clive Davis; Dance: John Percival; Galleries: David Lee; Walks and Talks: Greta Carslaw; Other Events: Judy Froshaug; Bookings: Anne Whitehouse.

CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 1735



ACROSS
1 Golf sand trap (6)
4 Narrative song (6)
9 Liquorice cake (7)
10 Dribbles out (5)
11 Verdi's "Egyptian" opera (4)
12 Ballet corps leader (8)
14 Cores (6)
15 Carpenter's companion (6)
18 Sponger (8)
20 Sikh bangle (4)
22 Lover (5)
23 Bull list (7)
25 National song (6)
26 Brief look (6)

DOWN
1 Soft roll (3)
2 Wandering (7)
3 Light grey (4)
5 Narrow passage (8)
6 Dog lead (5)
7 Indigestion (9)
8 Bend down (5)
11 Himalayan massif (9)
13 Precious jewel (8)
16 Change line-up (7)
17 Sedate (5)
19 Scope (5)
21 Wickedness (4)
24 Before (3)

SOLUTION TO NO 1734
ACROSS: 1 Dumbwaiter 8 Upsurge 9 Eagle 10 Poop 11 Flounder 13 Audio 14 Trite 16 Reserved 18 Scab 21 Rabbi 22 Liaison 23 Pawnbroker
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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 24

RUELLE
(c) The space between a bed *and the wall; a bed-chamber* where great French ladies held receptions in the morning in the 17th and 18th centuries; hence a morning reception; *diminutive of the French rue a* street.

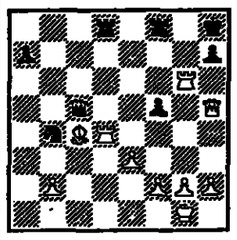
BURKA
(b) Also burkha, burqa, etc., a loose garment with veiled eye-holes, *covering the whole body,* and worn in public places by Muslim women to screen them from the view of men and strangers, from the *Hindi/Arabic burqa'.*

TRIONES
(c) The seven principal stars of *Ursa Major,* aka the Plough and Charles's Wain, from the Latin *triones* ploughing oxen: "The fair Trions with their glimmering light/Sauld'd at the foot of clear Boutes' wain."

GUE
(a) Also gu and gie, a rude kind of violin used in Shetland, from the Old Norse *gigia;* Scott: "A knocking at the door of the mansion, with the sound of the *gue and the langspiel, announced,* by their tinkling chime, the arrival of fresh revellers."

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent



The above position is taken from the game between Capablanca (White) and Janowski (Black) played in New York 1918. White plays and wins. The winning move will be given in tomorrow's *Times.*

Solution to yesterday's position (taken from a match in Havana, 1921, not 1912 as published): White wins with 1 Qb8+

ENTERTAINMENTS

OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM 8 836 3161 cc 240 5258 ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA Tom't 7.30 Puccini &. Tomor 7.30 The Magic...

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6.00 Ceefax AM.
6.35 Blondes and Redheads in *Contented Calves* (b/w). **6.55** Weather
7.00 Breakfast Time with Sally Magnusson and John Stapleton. Includes national and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25**; regional news and travel reports at **7.27, 7.57** and **8.27. 8.55** Regional new and weather
9.00 News and weather followed by Open Air. Eamonn Holmes and Natalie Anglesey receive viewers' comments on yesterday's television programmes
9.20 Kilroy! Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on controlling children's behaviour by drugs.
10.00 News and weather followed by Going for Gold. Quiz game (r). **10.25** Children's BBC presented by Andy Crane begins with Playbus **10.50** The Bunyip **10.55** Five to Eleven. Zia Mohyeddin with a reading
11.00 News and weather followed by Open Air with Pattie Coldwell and Eamonn Holmes. Includes a preview of the Sports Personality of the Year award with Fatima Whitbread; and Melvyn Bragg on television's treatment of the arts.
12.00 News and weather followed by Daytime Live presented by Alan Titchmarsh, Judi Spiers and Tina Baker. **12.55** Regional news and weather
1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. Weather. **1.30** Neighbours. Mike makes an ass of himself.
1.50 Film: The Fugitive (1947, b/w) starring Henry Fonda and Dolores Del Rio. Drama, based on a Graham Greene novel, about a priest being hounded out of a Latin American country by an anti-clerical decree, who turns back to administer the last rites to a dying criminal. Directed by John Ford.
3.30 The Pink Panther Show. Three cartoons (r).
3.50 Corners. Young people's questions answered by Stephen Johnson and Sophie Aldred **4.05** Ewoks **4.30** The Satellite Show includes music from Bananarama
5.00 Newsround **5.05** Record Breakers includes a visit by the world's most prolific painter **5.35** Neighbours (r).
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Nicholas Witchell and Andrew Harvey
6.30 London Plus and weather
7.00 Wogan With Sue Lawley. On tonight's guest list are actor Sir Michael Hordern, film star Steve Guttenberg and, with a song, Dame Vera Lynn.
7.40 Blankety Blank. Les Dawson's guests are Geoff Capes, Bernie Clifton, Barry Cryer, Bella Emberg, Debbie McGee and Adrienne Posta. (Ceefax)
8.15 Twenty-One Years of the Two Ronnies. Sketches and songs chosen by Messrs Corbett and Barker from their fruitful comic partnership (r). (Ceefax)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. Regional news and weather
9.30 Film: Firepower (1979) starring Sophia Loren and James Coburn. Adventure yarn about a troubleshooter hired by the United States tax department to kidnap a fraudster who is holed up in a Caribbean fortress. Directed by Michael Winner. (Ceefax)
11.10 For What We Are About to Receive. . . To buy or not to buy a satellite dish
12.00 Film: The Runaway Train (1973) starring Ben Johnson, Vera Miles and Ben Murphy. A made-for-television thriller about a mountain resort train, carrying 200 skiers, with its brakes frozen up. How can it be stopped as the train hurtles down the hillside? Directed by David Lowell Rich.
1.25am Weather

BBC2

9.00 Ceefax **9.30** Daytime on Two: Austrian radio **9.45** Co-operative enterprises **10.05** *Badger Girl* **10.25** A Scottish pantomime rehearsal **10.45** Storytime **11.03** A Christmas concert **11.25** Wondermaths **11.40** The magic of Christmas **12.00** Pupils' third year choices **12.20** The last part of Miller's *A View from the Bridge* **12.55** Different views of love
1.25 Pie in the Sky (r). **1.40** English Time (r). **2.00** News and weather followed by You and Me (r).
2.15 Sport on Friday introduced by David Icke. Steve Davis and Barry Hearn select favourite clips from the BBC's sports library. News and weather at **3.00** and **3.50**
4.00 Catchword with Paul Coia **4.30** Favourite Things. Lord Tonypandy talks to Roy Plomley about the things that please him most (r)
5.00 Handmade. Crafts magazine presented by Sue Robinson. The guests are Silvia Mackenzie, Martin Lester and Sarbjit Natt **5.30** Food and Drink (r).
6.00 Film: Go For a Take (1972) starring Reg Varney and Norman Rossington. Comedy about a couple of in-debt gamblers on the run from their bookie. Directed by Harry Booth **7.30** Bilko (b/w) starring Phil Silvers (r).
7.55 Prisoners of Conscience. Glenda Jackson on Turkish nurse Seviye Kopru
8.00 The Friday Report: Pills for All Ills. Why some tranquilizer addicts are seeking compensation (London and East only).
8.30 First Time Garden. (Ceefax)
9.00 Entertainment USA. Jonathan King in St Louis
9.30 Arena. (see Choice)
10.30 Newsnight
11.15 The Late Show with Clive James. Under Thatcher and Reagan is the Press a lap-dog or a watch-dog? With journalists Carl Bernstein, Alex Cockburn and Barbara Amiel **12.00** Weather
12.05am Prisoners of Conscience. See 7.55
12.10 Film: Shockproof (1949, b/w). Ends at **1.35.** (see Choice)

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am begins with News and The Morning Programme introduced by Lorraine Kelly and Richard Keys; **7.00** News followed by Good Morning Britain presented by Mike Morris and Kathryn Holloway; **8.00** News; **9.00** News and After Nine which includes Russell Grant's weekly horoscope
9.25 Lucky Ladders. Game show. The questionmaster is Lennie Bennett **9.55** Thames news and weather **10.00** The Time. . .The Place. . . Mike Scott chairs a discussion on a topical subject
10.40 This Morning. Magazine series presented by Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley. Today's edition includes Jan Leeming investigating popular crafts. Plus national news at **10.55** and regional news at **11.55**
12.10 Rainbow. Children's puppet series (r). **12.30** Santa Barbara. Glossy soap set in California
1.00 News at One with Julia Somerville **1.20** Thames news and weather
1.30 Joe Brown's East End. A new series in which Joe Brown revisits the places of his childhood. His guest is Roy Hudd **2.00** The Bill Omnibus edition (r). **2.55** Home Cookery Club. Savoury Wheat Bake.
3.00 Give Us a Clue. Celebrity mime game presented by Michael Parkinson. This afternoon Liza Goddard and Lionel Blair are joined by Lucy Fleming, John Inman, Judy Loe, Gary Waldhorn, Fatima Whitbread and Simon Williams **3.25** Thames news and weather **3.30** Sons and Daughters. Australian family drama series
4.00 Crush a Grape with Stu Francis and guests the Grumbleweeds **4.30** Scooby Doo (r).
4.45 Freetime. Andi Peters and Michael Strachan sample the skiing slopes of Orpington; the latest in *après-ski* wear; and discover a trial biking holiday
5.15 Blockbusters. General knowledge quiz game for teenagers, presented by Bob Holness
5.45 News with Alastair Stewart
6.00 LWT News
6.15 Friday Now presented by Pam Royle
7.00 Family Fortunes. The Browns from Jarrow meet the Perrett family from Surrey. Presented by Les Dennis
7.30 A Kind of Living. Comedy series starring Richard Griffiths and Frances De La Tour. This week Trevor offers marital advice to the unhappy Dixon. With Tim Healy and C. J. Allen
8.00 Beauty and the Beast. Catherine comes to the aid of a gypsy boy who has been banished from the family enclave after being framed for a theft by a crooked uncle. Starring Linda Hamilton and Ron Perlman
9.00 Taggart. Episode two of the three-part thriller and the Glasgow detective is informed of the discovery of another dismembered part of a woman's body. Starring Mark McManus (r). (Oracle)
10.00 News at Ten with Sandy Gall and Carol Barnes **10.30** LWT news and weather
10.35 The London Programme presented by Trevor Phillips. An investigation into the difficulties the police are facing in trying to track down the man nicknamed the "Werewolf Rapist" who attacks elderly women in the Surrey and Sussex area at a time when there is a full moon
11.05 Darts. The Winmau World Masters from the Rainbow Suite, Kensington, introduced by Dickie Davies. The commentator is Dave Lanning
12.30am Throb. Comedy series
1.00 Night Network includes cartoons, videos, pop music, guests and reviews
4.00 Baseball '88
5.00 ITN Morning News. Ends at **6.00.**

CHANNEL 4

9.30 Schools
12.00 The Parliament Programme
12.30 Business Daily.
1.00 On Course. Magazine series for Open College learners
2.00 Film: Moulin Rouge (1952) starring Jose Ferrer. Fictionalized version of the celebrated Parisian artist Toulouse-Lautrec. Directed by John Huston
4.10 Film: In the Sweet Pie and Pie (1941, b/w) starring the Three Stooges. The hapless trio are framed for murder and sentenced to a public hanging. Directed by Giles White
4.30 Fifteen-to-One. Quiz game
5.00 Mork & Mindy. American comedy series
5.30 Redbrick. Series on life at Newcastle University (r). (Oracle)
6.00 Scarecrow and Mrs King. This week Amanda is assigned to the case of a missing colleague
7.00 Channel 4 News with Peter Sissons and Anne Perkins. Weather
7.55 Book Choice. Andrew Motion discusses *The Completed* and *The Selected Poems of Thomas Hardy*. (Oracle)
8.00 The Dubliners' Dublin. The 1000-year-old story of Dublin told by the popular Irish group
9.00 The Golden Girls. (Oracle)
10.00 Whose Line Is It Anyway? Ad-lib comedy from John Sessions, Clive Anderson and, this week Stephen Fry, Enn Reitel and Josie Lawrence
10.30 The Last Resort. Live from the London Palladium, Jonathan Ross introduces Harry Dean Stanton, Robbie Coltrane and Huey Lewis
11.20 Irish Reel: Four Voices. Performances by Mary Coughlan, Philomena Begley, Dolores Keane and Lesley Dowdall
12.20am Film: Quatermass II (1957, b/w) starring Brian Donlevy as Professor Quatermass who discovers a high-level government cover up of an alien invasion. Directed by Val Guest
1.55 Film: Footsteps (1974) starring Gemma Craven as a lodger with a highly developed sense of sound who thinks she hears a murder in another part of the house. Directed by Alan Parker. Ends at **2.35.**

Dirty Harry does Bird

TELEVISION CHOICE

● Sitting in the middle of a field in Reno, Nevada, Clint Eastwood runs his fingers through his hair and plays the part of the hard-nosed Hollywood professional who is just doing his job. Almost as laconic as the characters he has created on the screen, Eastwood must be an interviewer's nightmare. He is courteous enough but tries hard not to look bored. It is not quite "yup" and "nope" but not a long way off. And yet he can be deceptively shrewd. Asked in Arena (BBC2, 9.30pm) about Charlie Parker, the subject of his new film *Bird*, Eastwood talks about the contradiction in a man who was disciplined in his playing but not in his life. He then adds, revealingly: "But I don't try to give an answer." Eastwood has never tried to give answers, which may be why he has been labelled both a fascist medievalist (by the critic Pauline Kael) and a feminist director (for giving strong roles to women in his films). He shrugs off both labels with wry amusement. He can afford to smile, all the way to the bank, having owned all his films since his directing début with *Play Misty For Me* 17 years ago. It is Eastwood the director that the programme concentrates on. Perhaps, like Charlie Parker, there is a dual personality. Red Rodney, the trumpet player who appears in *Bird*, describes Eastwood as "a soft, easy-going, mild mannered man — not a bit like Dirty Harry". Chan Parker, Charlie's widow, tells how she castigated Clint on the set for not making a character cruel enough. Instead of pinning her against the wall with a gun at her throat, the erstwhile Dirty Harry just shrugged his shoulders and agreed with her.



The former television cowboy hero Clint Eastwood takes the director's chair on the set of his latest movie (BBC2, 9.30pm)

● I should have written weeks ago to commend the BBC2 series of late night *films noirs* which are going out under the umbrella title of Fatal Attractions. Happily it is not too late. Delights to come include Orson Welles's *The Lady From Shanghai* and the genre's current cult favourite, *Build My Gallows High*. Using the *Film Club* ploy of prefacing the films with a critical introduction, the series has mainly relayed the tried and tested but tonight we go off the beaten track for the 1949 film, *Shockproof* (BBC2, 12.10am). Cornel Wilde plays a parole officer ensnared by a *femme fatale*. But if the plot is conventional, the treatment is often stylish and the credits boast two names who have since become highly fashionable among cinéastes, Samuel Fuller as co-writer and Douglas Sirk as director.

Peter Waymark

The seeds of murder

RADIO CHOICE

● If Woyzeck (Radio 3, 9.50pm) strikes you as fragmentary and incomplete, there is every reason why it should. Georg Büchner left it like this when he died (in 1837). But even in its unfinished state, this tale of the uncomprehending soldier driven to murder, makes total sense dramatically, and one of the additional strengths of Clive Brill's production in the BBC's Belfast studios is that it carries a musical score (by David Byers) that rounds off some of the play's jagged corners while adding some sharp cutting edges of its own. It is excellent planning to broadcast this production again — it first went out about a year ago — just a couple of days after Radio 3 transmitted the opera that Berg based on the play. *Woyzeck* is arguably the first "modern" play ever written. It certainly sowed some of the seeds of naturalism, and in the English version by John Mackendrick that we hear tonight, the vivid and realistic images come at us thick and fast. What better pointer to Woyzeck's deep despair (superbly caught by Tim McInnerny) than his contemplating the grey, stone, sky and saying that it is the kind he could hammer a peg into, and hang himself from.



Tim McInnerny: superb as a tormented man (R3, 9.50pm)

● **Smiling Through** (Radio 2, 10.30pm) reflects the last war through its popular songs. For those, like myself, who lived through those years, the nostalgia level is very high indeed. I doubt if either of the two brothers who perform the songs (Dave and Alan Sealey call themselves Cosmotheka to honour a vanished music hall of that name) is old enough to have hummed them the first time round, but their style is uncannily evocative of the Forties. Not all their linking material is as obvious as using Neville Chamberlain to cue them into "The Umbrella Man".

● If **Rhythm 'n' Booze** (Radio 1, 7.00pm), with its talk of vomit and fatal car crashes, does not make teenagers start to think the time has come to reform their drinking habits, nothing will.

Peter Davalle

BBC1 **WALES:** 6.30pm-7.00 Wales Today **1.25am-1.30** News and weather **SCOTLAND:** 10.50am-11.00 Dotaman **6.3pm-7.00** Reporting Scotland **9.30** The River **10.00** Scotsh Question Time **10.50-11.00** FSD **NORTHERN IRELAND:** 5.35pm Today's Sport **5.40-6.00** Inside Ulster **5.30** Neighbours **6.55-7.00** Inside Ulster Update **ENGLAND:** 6.30pm-7.00 Regional news magazines

BBC2 **WALES:** 8.00pm-8.30 Public Account **SCOTLAND:** 8.00pm-8.30 Brag **NORTHERN IRELAND:** 10.25am-10.45 Ulster in Focus **8.00pm-8.30** What the Women Say **ENGLAND:** 8.00pm-8.30 Midlands: Inside Story: North: Lady Be Good: North-east: Mother Goose: North-west: The Travel Show Guides: South: Bisley BB: South-west: Through the Garden Gate: West: Women at Risk

ANGLIA As London except:1.20pm News **1.30** Gardens for All **2.00-2.30** Country Practice **6.00-7.00** About Anglia **10.35** Cross Question **11.35** Darts **1230am** Alfred Hitchcock Presents **1.00** James Whale Radio Show **2.00-4.00** Night Network.

BORDER As London except:1.20pm News **1.30** Gardening Time **2.00-3.00** Country Practice **3.30-4.00** The Young Doctors **6.00** Lookaround **6.30-7.00** Take the High Road **10.35-11.05** Appointment with Mr Banerjee **12.30am** On the Live Side **1.00** James Whale Radio Show **2.00** Night Network **4.00-5.00** Route 66.

CENTRAL As London except:12.35pm-1.00 The Young Doctors **1.20** News **1.30** Gardening Time **2.00-3.00** Country Practice **6.00** News **6.45-7.00** Central Post **10.35** Central Weekend **12.05am** Kojak **1.00** James Whale Radio Show **2.00** Film: Cry on Fire **4.00-5.00** Live 'n' Loud.

CHANNEL As London except:12.30pm-1.00 Country Practice **1.20** News **1.30** Farmhouse Kitchen **2.00-3.00** Rags to Riches **3.30-4.00** The Young Doctors **6.00** Channel Report **6.35-7.00** Time Out **10.35** The Taking of Pelham 123 **12.30am** Love Me, Love Me Not **1.00** V **2.00** Night Network **4.05** Facing South **4.35-5.00** Jack Thompson Down Under.

GRAMPIAN As London except:1.20pm Grampian news **1.30** Gardening Time **2.00-3.00** American Century **6.00-7.00** North Tonight **10.35-11.05** Crossfire **12.30am** Easy Street **1.00** James Whale Radio Show **2.00** Night Network **4.00-5.00** Route 66.

GRANADA As London except:1.20pm Granada Reports **1.30** Week in View **2.00-3.00** Falcon Crest **3.30-4.00** The Young Doctors **6.00** Granada Reports **6.30-7.00** North West Connections **10.30** Granada Reports **10.45** This England **11.05** Film: Escape from New York **1.00am** James Whale Radio Show **2.00** Night Network **4.00-5.00** Route 66.

HTV WEST As London except:1.20pm News **1.30-3.00** Film: Touch and Go' **6.00** News **6.45-7.00** Your Say **10.35-11.05** Flashback for the Fans **12.30am** Film: Disaster in the Sky **2.00** Night Network **4.00** Wales This Week **4.30-5.00** Jobfinder.

HTV WALES As HTV West except:6.00-7.00pm Wales at Six **10.35-11.05** The Divided Kingdom.

SCOTTISH As London except:1.20pm Scotland Today **1.30-3.30** Film: Flanagan Boy' **6.00** Scotland Today **6.30-7.00** Take the High Road **10.35-11.05** Scotsport Extra Time **12.30am** Portrait of a Legend (Ned Secaka) **1.00** James Whale Radio Show **2.00** Night Network **4.00-5.00** Route 66.

TSW As London except:1.20pm News **1.30** Short Story **2.00-3.00** Country Practice **6.00** Today **6.30-7.00** Who's The Boss? **10.35-11.05** Inter Pub '88 **12.30am** Married ... With Children **1.00** James Whale Radio Show **2.00** Night Network **4.00-5.00** Route 66.

TVS As London except:12.30pm-1.00 Country Practice **1.20** News **1.30** Farmhouse Kitchen **2.00-3.00** Rags to Riches **3.30-4.00** The Young Doctors **6.00** Coast to Coast **6.35-7.00** Time Out **10.35** Film: The Taking of Pelham 123 **12.30am** Love Me, Love Me Not **1.00** V **2.00** Night Network **4.05** Facing South **4.35-5.00** Jack Thompson Down Under.

TYNE TEES As London except:12.30pm-1.00 Starring the Actors (Gene Hackman) **1.20** News **1.30** Insight **1.45-3.00** Joan Baez at Notre Dame **6.00-7.00** Northern Life **10.35** On the Edge **12.30am** WKRP in Cincinnati **1.00** James Whale Radio Show **2.00** Night Network **4.00-5.00** Route 66.

ULSTER As London except:1.20pm Newstime **1.30** Gardens for All **2.00-3.00** Prisoners of Propaganda **3.30-4.00** The Young Doctors **6.00** Six Tonight **6.30-7.00** Sportsbeat **10.35** Witness **10.40** Kelly's People **11.30** Sledge Hammer **12.00** V **1.00am** James Whale Radio Show **2.00** Night Network **4.00-5.00** Route 66.

YORKSHIRE As London except:12.30pm-1.00 The Young Doctors **1.20** News **1.30-3.00** Film: Oh God' Book II **6.00** Calendar **6.30-7.00** Clegg's People **10.35** Benson **12.30am** Ray Bradbury Theatre **1.00** James Whale Radio Show **2.00** Night Network **4.00-5.00** Night Heat.

S4C Starts:9.30am Schools Newyddion **12.35** 5 Lon Goch **1.00** Open College **2.00** Parliament Programme **2.30** Film: A Woman of Affairs' **4.30** Fifteen to One **5.00** Lost in Space **6.00** Newyddion **6.15** Stiat **6.40** Pobol y Cwm **7.00** Amser Chwarae **7.30** C'Mon Midlid **8.00** Cefn Gwlad **8.30** Newyddion **8.55** Y Byd Ar Beddwar **9.40** Sue My Lawyer **10.00** Golden Girls **10.30** Last Resort **11.20** Irish Reel **12.20am** Film. Quatermass II' **1.55** Foorsteps **2.35** Closedown.

RTE 1 Starts:2.05pm The Brothers **3.00** 'Live' at Three **4.00** Sons and Daughters **4.30** Little **5.30** The Sullivans **6.00** Angelus **6.01** Six-One **7.00** Play the Game **7.30** Head to Toe **8.00** Bookie **9.00** News **9.30** Late Late Show **11.30** News **11.35** Film: Al Capone **1.30am** Closedown.

NETWORK 2 Starts: 2.30pm Bosco **3.00** Robin and Rose **3.20** Berenstain Bears Show **3.50** Troubles with T-Bag **4.05** Mupper Babies **4.30** Happy Birthday **4.45** Ten Minute Tales **5.00** Newsline **5.25** Danger Bay **6.00** Jo-Maxi **6.30** Home and Away **7.00** Naucht **7.05** Cursai **7.30** What's My Line? **8.00** Sports World **9.00** Mr President **9.30** Film: Un Hombre de Exito **11.25** Avengers **11.20** Closedown.

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5.30 Adrian John **7.00** Simon Mayo **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30** Newsbeat **12.45** Gary Davies **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat **5.45** Singled Out **7.00** Rhythm 'n' Booze (see Choice) **7.30** Jeff Young's Big Beat **9.00** Hey Rrradio!!! **9.30** In Concert featuring Robert Cray **10.30** The Friday Rock Show **12.30-2.00** Richard Skinner.

Radio 2

VHF stereo and **MW** (medium wave)
4.00 Steve Madden **5.30** Chris Stuart **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Bob Holness **1.05** David Jacobs **2.00** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Adrian Love **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Memories Of You **7.30** Friday Night Is Music Night **8.45** Geoff Eales at the piano **9.00** Nigel Ogden with the Organist Entertains **10.00** The Golden Years with Alan Keith **10.30** Smiling Through (see Choice) **11.00** Peter Dickson presents Nightcap **1.00** Alan Dedicoat presents Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music.

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT.
7.00 World News **7.09** 24 Hours, Financial News **7.30** The Reith Lectures **8.00** World News **8.09** Words of Faith **8.15** Music Now **8.45** English — A Language for the World **9.00** World News **9.09** Review of the British Press **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Financial News, Sports Roundup **9.45** Seven Seas **10.00** News Summary **10.01** Focus on Faith **10.30** Best on Record **11.00** World News **11.09** News about Britain **11.15** Profile **11.30** Londres Midi **12.00** Newsreel **12.15** The Reith Lectures **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** World News **1.09** 24 Hours, Financial News **1.30** John Peel **2.00** Outlook **2.45** Nature Now **3.00** Newsreel **3.15** Music Now **3.45** English — A Language for the World **4.00** World News **4.09** News about Britain **4.15** Science in Action **4.45** The World Today **5.00** World News **5.09** Commentary **5.15** English by Radio **5.45** Londres Soir **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.00** Programmes in German **8.00** World News **8.09** The World Today **8.25** Words of Faith **8.30** Science in Action **9.00** News Summary **9.01** Sports Roundup **9.15** Stand by Radio **9.30** People and Politics **10.00** Newshour **11.00** World News **11.09** Commentary **11.15** From the Weeklies **11.30** Multitrack 3 **12.00** Newsdesk **12.30** Personal View **12.45** Recording of the Week **1.00** News Summary **1.01** Outlook **1.25** Financial News **1.30** Classical Record Review **1.45** Book Choice **1.58** New Ideas **2.00** World News **2.09** Review of the British Press **2.15** Network UK **2.30** People and Politics **3.00** World News **3.09** News about Britain **3.15** The World Today **3.30** The Vintage Chart Show **4.00** Newsdesk **4.30** The World Today **4.45** Momentmagazin **5.45** 648 News Headlines **5.55** Financial News **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Londres Main

Radio 3

6.55 Weather, News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Handel (Concerto Grosso in A minor Op 6 No 4: English Concert under Trevor Pinnock); Bax (Tintagel: LSO under John Barbirolli)
7.30 Morning Concert (contd): Rossini (Overture to La Cenerentola: Philharmonia Orchestra under Giulini); Vivaldi (Concerto in G Op 4 No 12 — RV 298: Academy of Ancient Music under Christopher Hogwood with Monica Huggett, violin); Sibelius (Valse triste: Philharmonia under Herbert von Karajan); Telemann (Water Music: Musica Antiqua Köln under Reinhard Goebel)
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: Balakirev and Cui. Balakirev's Mélodie espagnole: Ronald Smith (piano); Le sept novembre and L'Aurore (Khomyakov): Boris Christoff (bass) and Alexander Tcherepnin (piano); Toccata in C sharp minor: Margaret Fingerhut (piano); and Symphony No 2 in D minor (1908): USSR State Academic SO under Svetlanov
9.35 Cathey and the Bard: Schubert (Sonatina in D — D 384: Leland Chen, violin, and Paul Coker, piano); Schubert (Hark Hark! the Lark: Jorge Bolet, piano); Fortner (Three Shakespeare Songs: O Mistress Mine; Willow Willow; When Daisies Pied: Timothy Wilson, counter-tenor, and Malcolm Martineau, piano); Fauré (Shylock: Orchestre du Capitole de Toulouse under Plasson with Nicolai Gedda tenor); Steptoe (Six Chinese Lyrics: Timothy Wilson, counter-tenor, Malcolm Martineau, piano); Enesco (Suite villageoise: Orchestre Symphonique de la Cinematographie Roumaine under Cristescu); Schubert (Allegretto — Divertissement à l'hongroise — D 818: Peter Noke and Helen Krizos, pianos)
12.00 BBC Welsh Symphny Orchestra: Bryden Thomson conducts Hoddinott's The Sun, the Great Luminary of the Universe; and Elgar's Violin Concerto in B minor Op 61. With Don-Suk Kang (violin)
1.00 News
1.05 Chamber Music from Manchester: Lindsay String Quartet play Haydn's Quartet in C Op 74 No 1; Schumann's Quartet in A minor Op 41 No 1
2.00 Messiaen: BBC Philharmonic Orchestra under Edward Downes play Turangalila Symphony. With Peter Donohoe (piano) and Tristan Murail (ondes Martenot)
3.30 Rubinstein on Record: Graham Sheffield introduces the fifth of 12 programmes featuring the legendary pianist's recordings of Chabrier's Scherzo-Valse; Brahms's Piano Quartet No 3 in C minor Op 60 (with members of the Guarneri Quartet); Ravel's Valses nobles et sentimentales; and Mozart's Piano Concerto No 20 in D minor (K 466) (with Victor SO under Wallenstein)
5.00 A Century of English String Music: A 1937 recording of Britten's Variations on a Theme of Frank Bridge by ECO under the composer (5 of 8)
5.30 Mainly for Pleasure: Rodney Slatford presents a selection of music with a Venetian regatta theme
6.30 Dear Bbc: Geoffrey Smith presents some of the recordings the American cornet player made with Frankie Trumbeuer from 1927 onwards
7.00 News
7.05 Third Ear: The artist Victor Pasmore talks to Edwin Mullins about his life and his career
7.30 A Schoenberg Arrangement: Bach's Prelude and Fugue for organ in E flat: CBC SO under Robert Craft
7.45 Schoenberg: Replacing the advertised live concert from the Queen Elizabeth Hall are the following recordings. Kol Nidre: Victor Braun with the Festival Singers of Toronto and the CBC SO under Elmer Iseler; Six Songs Op 8: Anja Silja with the Vienna PO under Christoph von Dohnanyi: Von Heute auf Morgen: Royal Philharmonic Orchestra under Robert Craft with Erica Schmidt, Derrik Olson, Herbert Schachtschneider and Heather Harper. Includes **8.25** Serial Soundtracks: David Huckvale investigates the composer's film legacy, despite his refusal of all Hollywood commissions
9.50 The Friday Play: Woyzeck by Georg Büchner. Translated by John Mackendrick. With Tim McInnerny (r) (see Choice)
11.15 Composers of the Week: Berlioz. Tantum ergo; and Act Four (excerpts) of Les Troyens (r)
12.00 News **12.05** Closedown

Radio 4

LW (long wave) (s) Stereo on **VHF**
5.55 Shipping Forecast
6.00 News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day (s)
6.30 Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **8.35** Yesterday in Parliament **8.57** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Desert Island Discs: Sue Lawley's guest is the comedian Stephen Fry (s) (r)
9.45 Feedback: Chris Dunkley airs viewers' comments on BBC programmes and policy
10.00 News; International Assignment
10.30 Morning Story: Bird Boy by Donald S Murray. Read by David McKail
10.45 Daily Service (s)
11.00 News; Analysis: John Eidinow examines the state of Conservative Party policy, in particular the recent emphasis on social and environmental issues (r)
11.47 Treasure Islands: Honor Wilson talks to Russian writers and publishers about how much Russian children's books reflect Soviet ideology
12.00 News; You And Yours: Consume news and advice with John Howard
12.25 The Food Programme with Derek Cooper compares different brands of low alcohol beer and wines; and examines wine from Zimbabwe **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World At One
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Woman's Hour: From Birmingham. Comedienne Marti Caine and Radio 1 personality Sybil Ruscoe discuss what it is like to be famous; Ros Grant, who runs a hostel for homeless teenagers, talks about the pressure the Government's legislation will put on these youngsters; items on a self-help group for parents whose children have been adopted, and on the role women have played in the pottery industry; plus a report on the increasing number of divorced couples who still live together
3.00 News; God's Revolution by Don Taylor. With Bernard Hepton. Part nine of a 12-part series about Oliver Cromwell (s)
4.00 News
4.05 All In The Mind: Professor Anthony Clare examines the workings of the mind. Today he turns his attention to schizophrenia (s) (r)
4.30 Kaleidoscope (r)
5.00 PM: With Gordon Clough and Frances Coverdale and including World Watch **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial Report
6.30 Going Places: Clive Jacobs and the team with travel and transport news
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week: Margaret Howard with highlights of the past week's television and radio programmes (s)
8.20 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby is joined by Joe Ashton MP, Roland Long, industrialist, Teresa Gorman, MP, and Clare Brooks, solicitor and SLD councillor. From Huddersfield
9.05 Law In Action: Marcel Berlins presents the news magazine about the courts, the law and our legal system
9.30 Letter From America by Alistair Cooke
9.45 Kaleidoscope: Christopher Cook talks to Nuria Espert, a former actress who co-founded a progressive theatre company and whose production of Verdi's *Rigoletto* is about to open at the Royal Opera House
10.15 A Book At Bedtime: Saturday Night and Sunday Morning by Alan Sillitoe. Read by Terry Molloy (5 of 12) **10.29** Weather
10.30 The World Tonight: With Richard Kershaw
11.00 Today in Parliament
11.15 The Financial World Tonight
11.35 Week Ending: Satirical review of the week's news presented by Sally Grace, David Tate, Bill Wallis and Royce Mills (s)
12.00 News incl **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast
VHF as LW except: **11.00am-12.00** For Schools: **11.00** Earth Search **11.20** Playtime **11.35** Music Workshop **1.55-3.00pm** For Schools: **1.55** Listening Corner **2.05** Let's Join In with Soundbox **2.25** The Song Tree **2.40** The Friday Serial **5.50-5.55** PM (continued) **12.30-1.10am** Schools Night-Time Drama Resources (14 plus)

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m;VHF-88-90.2. Radio 2: 693kHz/433m;909kHz/330m;VHF-88-90.2. Radio 3: 1215kHz/247m; VHF-90-92.5. Radio 4: 198kHz/1515m;VHF-92-95. LBC: 1152kHz/261m;VHF 97.3. Capital: 1548kHz/194m;VHF95.8; Greater London Radio: 1458kHz/206m;VHF 94.9; World Service: MF648kHz/463m.

In the shadow of Lenin, demonstrators defy the Kremlin

Warning by Kremlin over ethnic crisis

Moscow (Reuter) — The Kremlin's envoy to the troubled region of Nagorno-Karabakh yesterday condemned the conduct of the leaders of both Armenia and Azerbaijan as the official death toll from two weeks of ethnic clashes rose to 28.

Armenian press reports said that some 48,000 Armenians and 40,000 Azerbaijanis had now fled across the border between their two republics to escape persecution, amid signs of increasingly open conflict between the two national groups.

The Kremlin's envoy, Mr Arkady Volsky, told the Supreme Soviet in Moscow that the leaders of both republics had failed to meet each other half way over Nagorno-Karabakh. The territory forms part of Azerbaijan but its mainly Armenian population wants to be united with Armenia.

"When blood is being spilled, the state cannot merely stand by," Mr Volsky said. He added that deputies from Armenia and Azerbaijan were scheduled to meet party and government leaders when the Supreme Soviet session ended last night in an attempt to restore calm.

Pravda, quoting Interior Ministry figures, said yesterday that a total of 28 people had died in the latest ethnic clashes between the Muslim Azerbaijanis and the traditionally Christian Armenians.

The capitals of both Armenia and Azerbaijan were effectively under military rule last night, with dawn-to-dusk curfews, after months of simmering ethnic discontent had turned into open violence in the Azerbaijani towns of Kirovabad and Nakhichevan.

However, the authorities are still allowing demonstrations to continue in the Azerbaijani capital, Baku, although more than 550 people were detained in the city on Tuesday night and several weapons confiscated.

An Azerbaijani Foreign Ministry spokesman said that around 10,000 to 20,000 people gathered in Baku yesterday, well below the 200,000 to 400,000 who were attending round-the-clock meetings last week, and most factories were said to be working.



Young Azerbaijanis wave their fists and chant slogans during an anti-Armenian rally under the statue of Lenin in Baku

Kremlin apologies

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clear who wrote them. The package creates a strong presidency in place of a largely ceremonial one. It also sets up a new congress of people's deputies, with two-thirds of the representatives elected by the public and one-third by organizations, including the Communist Party and unions.

The President also said that the revised Constitution was temporary, as further changes would respond to demands that local councils be given stronger powers over Moscow ministries and that the rights of the nation's republics be redefined. But they would be made by new elected representatives. The vote on the constitutional changes was 657 for, three against and 26 abstentions in the Soviet of Nationalities, and 687 for, three against and one abstention in the Soviet of Unions.

The companion package providing for multiple-candidate elections was adopted unanimously by both houses.

An attempt at a revision from the floor was rejected by 1,353 votes to 23. That was an amendment offered by a Latvian delegate which would effectively have given the republics the power of veto in the national parliament.

Political sketch

The *pas de deux* down on the farm

Two reasons were advanced by the Prime Minister on Thursday, for removing mortgage payments from the Retail Price Index.

The first is that in many other countries they do not include them. Well, in many other countries they spit in railway carriages.

Mrs Thatcher's second point was that the *immediate* effect of raising interest rates was that prices, like mortgage repayments, went up. Subtract these rogue items and a clearer picture would emerge.

Well, what a comfort that will be to the average Mrs Jones. "Bless my soul" she will exclaim: "Have you studied this morning's Hansard? That extra £98-20 on our mortgage isn't inflation at all. It's the *reduction* of inflation.

"You mean it's not a rise in our outgoings?" gasps Mr Jones.

"No, dear. Not *as such*. Just a sort of mirage. The inverted early swirl of a J-Curve. A blip. I explained this to our bank-manager, but he said something rather rude in reply."

One cannot dispute Mrs Thatcher's logic. Her point, surely, is that price-rises are one thing, inflation is another. And it may be necessary to raise prices in order to reduce inflation. As this Parliament progresses and (say) baked-beans or petrol cost more, they too can be subtracted from the RPI.

But back to the present: Thursday's Questions to the Agriculture Minister.

Ballet was not directly mentioned in the discussion that Mr MacGregor led, but he can hardly be unaware that the two most subsidized groups in Britain are farmers and ballet-dancers. Government has recently announced a 31 percent increase in the Arts Council Grant, much of it destined for ballet-dancers.

Now the problem with farmers, just like ballet-dancers is that they cannot be privatized as they are already private. And farmers are accustomed to a standard of living whose maintenance requires them to grow more food than we can eat. To keep their income up the authorities used to buy and stockpile agricultural produce, but these rotting heaps caused hurtful articles to be written in the less thoughful sections of the Press; so the Government's new idea is "Set-aside". The thought is to pay farmers for *not* growing things. The idea is that a Ministry Official asks the farmer how much barley he was planning to grow. "35 tonnes" says the farmer.

"Well, I'll tell you what" says the Official. "Don't bother. And the Government will give you £4,000."

Disarmingly simple, the idea has application in almost every area of the economy: But today we shall look at ballet. Your sketchwriter knows less about this as he never represented a ballet-dancing constituency: but the subsidies are huge: and how many ballet-dancers do you know? Exactly. *Per-dancer* the figure must be enormous.

To find out more, I went to a ballet, recently, in the Provinces. The auditorium was half-empty. In other words, supply of ballet in the Provinces exceeds the demand for it: we have a ballet-surplus, along with the cheese-mountain that was mentioned on Thursday.

You will have anticipated our recommendation: a "Set-aside" scheme for the Arts Council, too. Ballet-dancers should be asked how many ballets they intend to perform. Then, they would be offered a generous sum *not* to perform them.

This way, Britain would still be cultured because we would still have ballet-dancers. We would still be rustic because we would still have farmers. But there would be no more dancing, or agriculture, than the public could bear.

Yet it is painful to think of the sheer boredom for farmers and dancers of having to stay at home, part of the Dependency Culture. So here's a final refinement: require the ballet-dancers to farm and the farmers to dance. This would *not* result in the resurgence of ballet or barley as neither would have the remotest ability in the others' field. Nothing would be produced.

And how to ensure that Farmer Giles dons his tights, and Nureyev mounts the muck-spreader? This is where Mr Douglas Hurd's marvellous electronic tagging comes in! Tune up your fiddles, farmers, to the Dance of the Sugar Beet Fairy.

Matthew Parris

Former girlfriend remanded on crossbow killing charge

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mind and personal relationships" in statements. The police felt she might attempt to make contact and influence them regarding evidence they had given. If bail was granted, "she may do harm to herself".

Inquiries had disclosed she had been seeking help from a psychotherapist "with regard to her personal relationships, particularly with her ex-boy friend, for several years.

"Following the final break-up of their relationship, she sought the help of her GP who feared she may have suicidal tendencies", Mr Bulger said. The GP referred her to a psychiatric unit and she was diagnosed as being "depressive and grief-stricken".

Questioned by Mr Raymond, Mr Bulger said that Miss Salveson had made no violent threats to either her ex-boy friend or Miss Maw.

Mr Raymond said there was a "degree of circumstantial evidence which lay at the basis of this case".

He said: "She is in no way guilty of this awful crime. In no way does she accept any part of the prosecution case. It has nothing to do with her. Her presence here is as the result of a terrible mistake."

He said she admitted she had acted in an "undignified and shameful manner" after the break up of her relationship, which had meant a great deal to her. "The break up of a relationship is one of the most stressful events that any humnan being can undergo."

Mr Raymond said: "She did follow her former boy friend and Miss Maw and did go to the theatre when they were there." However, she never approached them directly or threatened violence. "It was shameful behaviour and she bitterly regrets it now."

Her behaviour was caused by stress after the break up. However, Mr Raymond said: "This doesn't make her a murderer. It makes her a sad woman, deeply distressed and deeply aggrieved.

"A person who appears to have all the motivation can be innocent; that does not just happen in detecive stories, it happens in real life."

Mr Raymond said the prosecution case was based only on circumstantial evidence and a positive identification by a single witness who at first had said he had seen not a woman but a man and who could not remember the precise date of the alleged sighting. He said this was misleading and "dangerously unreliable" and there was "grave danger of a serious miscarriage of justice".

"This is not a defiant cry of someone facing a hopeless case with a wealth of evidence which she cannot hope to test. This is the firm view of someone who has been wrongly accused." He said that on an objective view of the evidence "there must be a strong likelihood of acquittal at the end of the day".

Miss Salveson had helped with police enquiries voluntarily, had made her address book available, had also given permission to speak to her GP, psychotherapist and bank and to take up credit card and building society account references. She had spent 34 hours with police on four occasions since last August, although not under arrest, had given her fingerprints and had allowed her flat to be searched twice.

"This woman has had her life opened up and has put it at the disposal of the police and allowed them to do what they would with it and finds herself here today as a result." She was not a naive person and after being interviewed on four separate occasions could not have failed to realize the importance of what was happening. But she had done nothing about it, he said.

Miss Salveson was remanded until December 8 but will not have to appear until December 22. Reporting restrictions were lifted. Mr Raymond said later an application for bail would be made to a judge in chambers "early next week".

Extradition conflict

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dited, he would not get a fair trial.

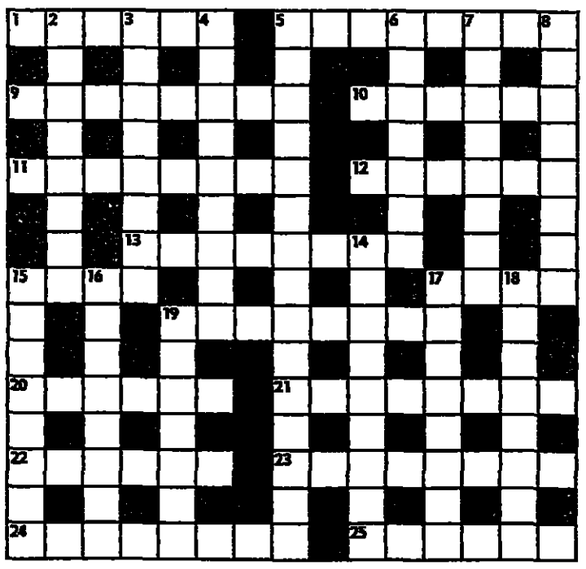
Yesterday, Mrs Thatcher defended the Crown Prosecution Service against allegations that through issuing defective warrants it was responsible for the failure to secure Father Ryan's arrest.

She said it was five days since the documents had been sent to Dublin and no question had been raised about them meeting the requirements of Irish law.

Mr Haughey left Dublin for the Rhodes summit buoyed by the wide support he has received from opposition leaders on the Ryan affair. Irish government officials made no secret of their pleasure at the embarrassment caused to Britain after revelations that the original extradition warrants were flawed. They also believe that the Prime Minister's attack on the Irish government has improved Mr Haughey's position.

Sources in Dublin said Mr Haughey would stand firm at his meeting with Mrs Thatcher.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 17,842



ACROSS

1 He may take steps to execute certain measures (6).
5 Tolerated boy endlessly seen around Scouts rally (8).
9 Tape is sometimes so attractive (8).
10 Tiny amphibian owned by this compiler, say? (6).
11 Fee paid by a stock buyer to learn music (8).
12 Way to limit pain? It's in the bag (6).
13 Shell a Continental state held by evil characters (8).
15 Front spaces for trebles (4).
17 Kiss hastily and have a nibble (4).
19 Involuntary responses of a Welshman having cable installed (8).
20 Move right out of corridor into the kitchen (6).
21 Unpitying woman? Not so (8).
22 Joiner employed in cabinet-making (6).
23 Bishop once said to be unorthodox (8).
24 Father's attempts at making cakes (8).
25 Possibly saw a youth leader entertain outside (6).

DOWN

2 Two articles about the Commanding Officer's tropical snake (8).
3 Interpret study as half-genuine (8).
4 Able to recall things about wine I've accumulated (9).
5 Versatile businessman known for his knavery? (4,2,3,6).
6 Army unit ordered to capture oil installation (7).
7 Harsh time to obtain dietary fibre (8).
8 An outstanding contribution to a snail's good looks! (3-5).
14 Irritating new tax that's dividing you from the French (9).
15 Pigs half cooked in this vessel (8).
16 Monocular giants producing work in recurrent series (8).
17 Show curiosity about least uncommon old instrument (8).
18 One at the wheel giving firm kiss to lover (8).
19 Creature only existing originally in three rivers? (3-4).

Concise crossword, page 22

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

RUELLE
a. A type of spur
b. A heartless beauty
c. Space between bed and wall

BURKA
a. A non-payer of bills
b. An enveloping garment
c. An Assamese soldier

TRIONES
a. Sample clothes for fitting
b. Novices
c. Seven stars

GUE
a. A primitive violin
b. The common crane
c. Gas Under Electricity

Answers on page 22

Solution to Puzzle No 17,841

A	E	S	O	P		S	E	M	I	T	O	N	E	S
P	K	U		O		A		E		O		O		
P	O	I	N	T	S	M	A	N		M	O	R	A	L
R		M		D		B		D		P		W		O
A	P	P	R	O	P	R	I	A	T	E	N	E	S	S
I				W		E		L		R		G		
S	E	C	O	N	D		C	A	V	A	T	I	N	A
A		O				B		Y				A		R
L	O	N	D	O	N	E	R		S	P	I	N	E	T
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A	L	I	B	I		D	U	N	S	T	A	B	L	E
P		O		D		G		D		A		I		R
S	I	N	C	E	R	E	L	Y		R	I	L	E	Y

WEATHER

Eastern areas will be dull with rain, sleet or snow to the north. Central, western and northern areas will have misty start with fog and frost in the north. Outlook: Fog and frost in central and eastern areas and rain in west.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	16	61	c	Majorca	15	59	f
Akrotiri	19	66	s	Malaga	18	64	f
Alex'dria	21	70	f	Malta	19	66	r
Algiers	15	59	c	Melb'rne	19	66	s
Amst'dam	0	32	c	Mexico C*	19	66	s
Athens	17	63	f	Miami*	24	75	c
Bahrain	23	73	f	Milan	7	45	r
Barbados*	28	82	f	Montreal*	6	43	f
Barcelna	15	59	f	Moscow	-12	10	sn
Belgrade	14	57	c	Munich	7	45	c
Berlin	-3	27	sn	Nairobi	25	77	c
Bermuda*	21	70	f	Naples	16	61	r
Biarritz	13	55	r	N Delhi	-	-	-
Bonda'a	13	55	f	N York*	11	52	c
Brussels	4	39	r	Nice	10	50	r
Budapest	-3	27	sn	Oslo	-11	12	s
B Aires*	26	79	f	Paris	9	48	c
Cairo	22	72	s	Peking	10	50	s
Cape Tn	21	70	s	Perth	24	75	s
C'blanca	15	59	c	Prague	-3	27	c
Chicago*	0	32	sn	Reykjvk	5	41	r
Ch'church	12	54	r	Rhodes	17	63	f
Cologne	10	50	c	Rio de J	24	75	f
C'plagn	-1	30	c	Riyadh	27	81	s
Corfu	16	61	f	Rome	17	63	c
Dublin	7	45	r	Salzburg	5	41	f
Dubrovnik	14	57	c	S F'risco*	14	57	s
Faro	18	64	f	Santiago*	23	77	s
Florence	16	61	c	S Paulo*	24	75	c
Frankfurt	11	52	f	Seoul	7	45	s
Funchal	18	64	c	Sing'por	31	08	f
Geneva	6	43	c	Stkholm	-12	10	s
Gibraltar	17	63	f	Strasb'rg	9	48	c
Helsinki	-11	12	s	Sydney	23	73	s
Hong K	21	70	s	Tangier	18	61	c
Innsbruck	6	43	f	Tel aviv	20	68	s
Istanbul	12	54	s	Tenerife	21	70	f
Jeddah	31	88	s	Tokyo	13	55	s
Jo'burg*	18	64	f	Toronto*	5	41	c
Karachi	26	79	s	Tunis	17	63	r
L Palmas	21	70	f	Valencia	16	61	s
Le Tquet	11	52	f	Vanc'ver*	6	43	f
Lisbon	16	61	c	Venice	9	48	r
Locarno	6	43	r	Vienna	-3	27	c
L Angels*	22	72	s	Warsaw	-5	23	c
Luxembg	7	45	c	Wash'ton*	9	46	c
Luxor	28	82	s	Wel'nton	15	59	r
Madrid	11	52	f	Zurich	6	43	f

* denotes Wednesday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	-	.65	7	45	rain
Bridlington	-	.59	8	46	dull
Hunstanton	0.7	.44	10	50	fog
Cromer	0.4	.62	11	52	cloudy
Lowestoft	0.5	.42	11	52	cloudy
Clacton	3.6	.47	11	52	bright
Southend	2.4	.62	12	54	cloudy
Folkestone	2.5	.73	12	54	shower
Hastings	0.7	.46	12	54	shower
Eastbourne	0.5	.55	12	54	drizzle
Brighton	1.0	.48	11	52	rain
Worthing	2.5	.40	12	54	shower
Littlehmptn	3.3	.28	13	55	bright
Bognor R	3.8	.27	12	54	bright
Southsea	4.9	.23	13	55	sunny
Sandown	4.5	.33	12	54	sunny
Bournemth	4.5	.26	13	56	sunny
Poole	5.9	.30	13	55	sunny
Swanage	5.4	.33	13	56	sunny
Weymouth	5.6	.28	13	55	sunny
Exmouth	4.7	.16	13	55	sunny
Torquay	3.7	.38	14	57	sunny
Penzance	3.0	.53	13	55	shower
Scilly Isles	2.0	.37	12	54	cloudy
Newquay	3.7	.59	12	54	shower
Stranraer	-	.76	-	-	sunny
Minehead	5.0	.22	13	55	sunny
Morecambe	-	.38	8	46	shower
Douglas	-	.93	9	48	rain
Buxton	0.1	1.07	9	48	shower
Carlisle	-	.77	8	46	drizzle
Leeds	-	.63	8	46	rain
Nottingham	-	.69	10	50	rain
Anglesey	-	.54	11	52	shower
Colwyn Bay	-	.45	10	50	rain
Tenby	3.5	.40	12	54	cloudy
Aberdeen	-	.84	6	43	rain
Aviemore	-	.16	5	41	rain
Eskdalemuir	-	.74	6	43	drizzle
Kinloss	-	.04	6	43	rain
Lerwick	-	-	5	41	cloudy
Prestwick	-	.82	8	46	rain
Stornoway	-	.04	7	45	cloudy
Tiree	-	.31	7	45	rain
Wick	-	.06	7	45	shower

These are Wednesday's figures

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	7.24	5.6	8.15	5.7
Aberdeen	7.55	3.3	7.54	3.4
Avonmouth	12.38	9.5	1 04	9.8
Belfast	6.27	2.8	5.39	3.1
Cardiff	12.23	9.0	12.46	9.2
Devonport	11.20	4.5	—	—
Dover	4.52	5.5	5.42	5.1
Falmouth	10.50	4.3	11.37	4.1
Glasgow	7.09	3.9	6.35	4.2
Harwich	5.12	3.2	6.08	3.2
Holyhead	4.44	4.2	4.57	4.5
Hull	—	—	12.31	5.4
Ilfracombe	—	—	12.08	6.9
Leith	8.57	4.3	9.18	4.4
Liverpool	5.15	7.1	5.37	7.3
Lowestoft	2.54	2.2	4.37	2.0
Margate	5.39	3.9	6.38	3.8
Milford Haven	—	—	12.25	5.3
Newquay	11.29	5.4	—	—
Oban	—	—	12.32	3.1
Penzance	10.37	4.5	11.27	4.3
Portland	12.25	1.4	12.10	1.6
Portsmouth	5.38	3.9	5.55	3.6
Shoreham	5.03	5.0	5.35	4.6
Southampton	5.19	3.6	6.29	3.5
Stranraer	—	—	12.27	7.2
Tees	10.20	4.1	10.23	4.4
W'ton-on-Nze	6.18	3.5	6.10	3.4

Tide is metres: 1m=3.28ft. Times are GMT

THE POUND

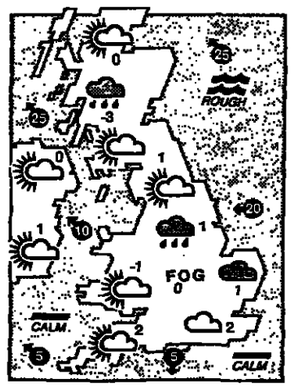
	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.20	2.08
Austria Sch	23.50	22.10
Belgium Fr	70.10	66.50
Canada $	2.235	2.165
Denmark Kr	12.78	12.18
Finland Mkk	7.88	7.49
France Fr	11.34	10.74
Germany Dm	3.33	3.15
Greece Dr	285	269
Hong Kong $	14.53	14.18
Ireland Pt	1.245	1.165
Italy Lire	2455	2325
Japan Yen	240	224
Netherlands Gld	3.755	3.555
Norway Kr	12.40	11.80
Portugal Esc	275	261
South Africa Rd	4.70	4.20
Spain Pta	216.50	205.50
Sweden Kr	11.59	10.99
Switzerland Fr	2.75	2.64
Turkey Lira	3800	3200
USA $	1.943	1.843
Yugoslavia Dnr	11000	9800

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. *Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.*

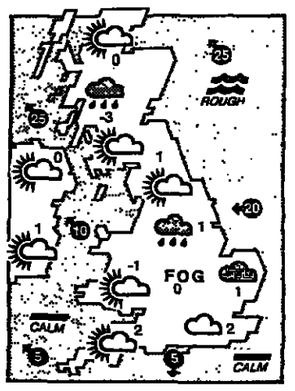
Retail Price Index: 109.5 (October)

London: The *FT* Index closed down 7.8 at 1450.2.

AM



PM



MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 8C (46F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 7C (45F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.079 ins. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, nil.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Wednesday: Highest day temp: London Weather Centre, 14C (57F); lowest day max: Aviemore, Highland, 5C (41F); highest rainfall: Tynemouth, Tyne and Wear, 1.34 in; highest sunshine: Poole, Dorset, 5.9 hr.

LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 4.24 pm to 7.17 am
Bristol 4.34 pm to 7.28 am
Edinburgh 4.13 pm to 7.53 am
Manchester 4.23 pm to 7.35 am
Penzance 4.52 pm to 7.32 am

TOWER BRIDGE

Tower Bridge will be lifted at 11am today.

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

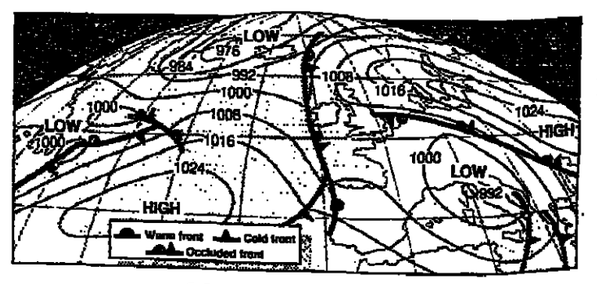
	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	6	43	c	Guernsey	10	50	c
B'mingham	5	41	d	Inverness	3	37	c
Blackpool	5	41	c	Jersey	11	52	f
Bristol	8	46	c	*London*	8	46	c
Cardiff	9	48	c	M'chester	5	41	c
Edinburgh	5	41	c	Newcastle	4	39	sl
Glasgow	5	41	c	R'nldsway	7	45	c

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 8C (46F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 6C (43F). Humidity: 6 pm, 86 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.77in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, nil. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1003.9 millibars, rising.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

Sun rises: 7.46 am — Sun sets: 3.54 pm
Moon rises 12.10 am — Moon sets 12.56 pm
New Moon December 9

NOON TODAY



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MARKETS	THE POUND
FT 30 Share 1450.2 (–7.8)	US dollar 1.8535 (+0.0035)
FT-SE 100 1778.7 (–13.7)	W German mark 3.2075 (–0.0050)
USM (Datastream) 156.69 (–0.73)	Trade-weighted 78.3 (same)

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Executive Editor
David Brewerton

SE inquiry into Avdel dealings

Dealings in shares in Avdel, the fastenings company, are being investigated by the surveillance division of the Stock Exchange.

The inquiry centres on dealing before and after the announcement of a hostile bid by the US-based Banner Industries at the end of October. Talks between Avdel and the exchange's insider dealing squad have been taking place for several days. Avdel, formerly Newman Industries, is strongly fighting the £102 million bid and has taken action to uncover the beneficial owners of various shareholdings.

BPB rise

Shares in BPB, the plasterboard producer, fell 19p to 220p as the group revealed pre-tax profits of £104.1 million for the six months to end-September, up 14.5 per cent but at the lower end of City forecasts. The interim dividend is raised by 0.75p to 3.75p. Tempus, page 26

Next warning

Next, the high street clothing retailer, saw its shares fall 23p to 133p after Mr George Davies, the chairman, issued a warning of lower profits

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STOCK MARKETS

New York	
Dow Jones	2104.55 (–9.96)*
Tokyo	
Nikkei Average	29541.46 (–37.44)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	2668.03 (+8.73)
Amsterdam: Gen	273.4 (–0.6)
Sydney: AO	1456.5 (–15.0)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1591.2 (+8.7)
Brussels:	
General	5355.7 (–6.0)
Paris: CAC	392.3 (+1.4)
Zurich: SKA Gen	511.9 (+1.5)
London:	
FT.–A All-Share	925.68 (–7.80)
FT.–"500"	1004.68 (–8.70)
FT. Gold Mines	179.0 (+0.6)
FT. Fixed interest	97.10 (–0.09)
FT. Govt Secs	86.97 (–0.06)
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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
Cussins	300p (+12p)
Estates & Agency	300p (+20p)
BOC	405p (+8p)
Scott & Robertson	260p (+15p)
FALLS:	
Bejam	169½p (–18p)
Body Shop	542½p (–12p)
Burton	171p (–10p)
Etam	166½p (–17p)
Next	136p (–20p)
Woolworth	245p (–10p)
Cray Electronics	166½p (–34p)
Suter	215p (–13p)
Siebe	366p (–10p)
Eurotunnel Units	431p (–17p)
Rothmans 'B'	427½p (–10p)
Nat West	534p (–10p)
Berkeley Group	231½p (–10p)
Closing prices	
Bargains	20818
SEAQ Volume	467.1m

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 13%
3-month interbank 13 3/16–13 5/16%
3-month eligible bills: 12 31/32–12 15/16% buying rate
US: Prime Rate 10½%
Federal Funds 8 1/16%*
3-month Treasury Bills 7.82–7.80%*
30-year bonds 99 1/2–99 9/16*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.8535	£: $1.8535*
£: DM3.2075	$: DM1.7327*
£: SwFr2.6894	$: SwFr1.4522*
£: FFr10.9542	$: FFr5.9180*
£: Yen225.11	$: Yen121.57*
£: Index:78.3	$: Index:92.2
ECU £0.64775	SDR £n/a

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $425.50 pm-$424.75
close $423.00-423.50 (£228.25-228.75)
New York:
Comex $423.00-423.50*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Jan) pm $14.55bbl ($14.02)
* Denotes latest trading price

THE TIMES STOCK WATCH 0898 141 141

● Market news on Stockwatch yesterday included: Fears over the British Steel flotation saw the market slip. Shares to slide included MEPC (01081), down 12p after results, Land Securities (01417), down 13p, and Asda Properties (01403), down 2p. Largest mover was Cray Electronics (01538), which lost 36p on a profits downgrading by a broker. Scott and Robertson (03222) put on 10p after a disposal.

● Recent additions include: Parkfield Group Preference 03503; BTR Warrants 03508.

● Calls charged 5p for 8 seconds peak, 12 seconds off peak inc. VAT.

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Steel 'scrapes home' as Betacom flops

By David Brewerton and Cliff Feltham

As application lists close for the £2.5 billion British Steel issue at 10am today, the Stock Exchange will be told that the £25 million flotation of the Betacom telephone business has been torpedoed by the market collapse.

But Mr Paul Richards, of Samuel Montagu, the merchant bank advising the Government on the Steel sell-off, said last night he was confident the issue of 2 billion shares would be fully subscribed.

A late flurry of applications took the number of individual backers of the Steel issue to more than 400,000 and the bankers were confident that the public portion of the issue – 23 per cent of the shares – would be oversubscribed.

Institutions will not be putting in their applications until this morning, but in the City most leading analysts were predicting that the issue as a whole would "scrape home."

Mr Peter Deighton of Morgan Grenfell predicted the issue would be fully subscribed and that the shares would go to a premium when dealings start on Monday.

One of the most difficult areas of demand for the bankers to judge is the level of overseas interest, particularly in view of the strength of sterling against the mark.

Mr Malcolm Roberts of Fleming Montagu Stanley said there would be overseas interest but not the "Japanese wall" that people were talking about.

Analysts have been united in the view, since the market collapsed last week, that the "stags" seeking a quick profit would stay away, but that the high yield on the shares would encourage serious investors. Mr Deighton said this should ensure people receive the allocations they request.

By yesterday afternoon, 265,000 of the 400,000 public

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applications had been processed, amounting to 335 million shares. The issue is fully underwritten.

In what could be viewed as a bad omen, however, about 40 per cent of the Betacom issue, it is understood, has been left with the underwriters.

One of the advisers involved in the Betacom issue said: "It is very disappointing. We priced the issue before the stock market took its second lurch following the trade figures. We knew we were coming to the market at the same time as British Steel but at least the Government probably had some idea of what the figures would be like before deciding on a price. We didn't have that advantage."



When the final details emerge today, they are likely to show that of the 20 Betacom million shares being sold at 82p each only 60 per cent were subscribed. At the time the price was pitched most observers thought it represented fair value for a company offering good growth prospects.

Betacom was part of Cannon Street Investments, which will own 29.9 per cent of the business after flotation.

Mr Brian Korel, the Betacom finance director, said: "The market seems to be very nervous at the moment. It is disappointing but it is one of those things. I don't think you can say that we should have avoided coming to the market at the same time as British Steel.

"Other companies have floated alongside big privatization issues and been heavily oversubscribed. But our company remains sound and we will do okay."

The issue suffered further embarrassment, it emerged, after an advertisement giving details of the prospectus inadvertently advised investors that they had until December 7 to submit their applications.

Mr John Gregory of McCaughan Dyson Capel Cure, the broker handling the issue, said: "I doubt whether this had much effect on the result because most serious punters would have used the proper prospectus which gave the correct dates."

Spoonfuls build up to £120m at Tate

PETER TRIEVNOR



Tate & Lyle, which last year made two large acquisitions in the US – Staley and Amstar – while consolidating its position in Europe by increasing its stake in Cereal Science & Technology, crowned its achievements by producing pretax profits up 30 per cent to £120 million. The results, which were ahead of market expectations, were helped by a strong performance in the British sugar market, sugar trading and Tate's service businesses.

Mr Neil Shaw, the chairman of Tate, (pictured) said that the company's geographical balance had shifted towards North America, where 59 per cent of the group's assets are now employed. Turnover rose 23 per cent to £2.1 billion, and fully diluted earnings per share were up 24 per cent to 88.6p. The full year dividend is 29.5p net, an increase of 13.5 per cent. Tate & Lyle is proposing to split each of its £1 shares into four new shares of 25p each. Tempus, page 26

General Cinema sale boosts hopes of bid for Cadbury

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

General Cinema Corporation, the United States drinks bottler with 18.3 per cent of Cadbury Schweppes, is planning to sell off its soft drinks bottling business to Pepsico for $1.5 billion (£809 million).

The news instantly sent Cadbury shares soaring in London to 355p, up 16p. But it is not an immediate cash deal as Pepsico is planning to pay in long-term bearer interest shares. Consequently Cadbury shares came back to end at 345p.

However, if a bid were eventually mounted, analysts suggested it would probably be in the region of £5 to £6 a share. This would value the group at up to £3.6 billion and would reflect a premium for Cadbury's well-known brands that include Wispa and Creme Eggs.

General Cinema said later it had "no specific plans" for the proceeds of the projected sale but this statement is in itself unlikely to dampen speculation about its intentions on Cadbury.

General Cinema has never made secret its target of owning the British confectionery and soft drinks company.

But General Cinema is faced in Cadbury with a business three times its own size and there had been increasing doubts that it could go to a full bid. What seemed increasingly likely was that it would pass its stake to somebody else with the financial muscle to make such a move.

There has been speculation that Hershey Foods Corporation, the US confectionery group, could figure in a break-up bid for Cadbury. The suggestion was that Hershey would join forces with Britain's Grand Metropolitan.

General Cinema's ambitions to seize Cadbury were jolted in July by Cadbury's sale of its confectionery manufacturing operations in the US to Hershey in a franchising deal worth £173 million.

Property values lift MEPC

By Cliff Feltham

MEPC, the £3 billion property company, unveiled the benefits of the boom in values yesterday when it reported an increase in assets per share last year of 36.4 per cent to 727p.

But the performance failed to satisfy some of the more ambitious expectations in the stock market and the shares eased 11p to 558p.

The company, run by Sir Christopher Benson, made pre-tax profits of £104.8 million against £80.2 million in the previous 12 months, a rise of 31 per cent.

Earnings per share rose by 15 per cent to 22p while shareholders collect a final dividend of 11p, making a total for the year of 14.5p, up from 13p previously.

MEPC included a contribution for the first time from Oldham Estate Company, owner of the Centre Point building in the West End of London, now fully let for the first time. MEPC said its development programme totalled £1.2 billion, consisting of nearly 3.5 million sq ft of accommodation.

Property assets owned by the group now exceed £3 billion, a rise of 29 per cent. The balance of the portfolio also shows a shift because of the rapid rise in the value of British assets, which now account for 80 per cent of the total, against 76 per cent a year ago. British properties rose in value by 33 per cent during the year, mainly in the West End of London.

Rate rises 'have yet to work'

By David Smith
Economics Correspondent

The pound paused for breath yesterday, following its sharp rise of the past few days, as figures were published suggesting that high interest rates have not yet had a cooling effect on the economy.

Dealers said Britain's 13 per cent base rate level continued to make sterling attractive, but the markets were also aware of the Chancellor's wish not to see the pound sharply higher.

The pound rose by a third of a cent to $1.8535 but eased by half a pfennig to DM3.2075. The sterling index was unchanged at 78.3.

Figures from the Bank of England, in its weekly return, suggested that activity in the economy remained buoyant in November.

They further indicated the narrow measure of the money supply, M0, was 7.8 per cent up on a year earlier in November, a slight acceleration from the 7.7 per cent rate recorded in October.

M0, which is targeted within a 1 to 5 per cent range, moves closely in line with retail sales, and the figures would indicate that a strong pace of activity has been maintained.

In the money markets, a gloomy mood persisted, with fears that base rates may have to rise to 14 per cent in the coming weeks.

A new forecast publication from Chase Manhattan Securities, *The UK Economy: An Investor's Perspective*, predicts that 13-14 per cent base rates will have to be maintained for up to six months to slow the economy and that inflation will hit 8 per cent next year.

Murdoch launches attack on Collins management

By Our Financial Staff

Mr Rupert Murdoch, chief executive of News International, has strongly criticized the recent management performance of William Collins in NI's formal offer for the Glasgow publishing group.

In a letter to Collins shareholders, Mr Murdoch says NI has supported Collins since 1981, when it first acquired a 41 per cent holding in the voting shares, but now feels that "Collins requires stronger direction."

"During the current year, eight key executives have left Collins, staff morale has suffered and profits in Collins' core businesses have declined," Mr Murdoch says. "In addition, Collins has failed to exploit to any great extent the great potential offered by the Harper & Row acquisition."

Collins bought half of Harper & Row from News America, the American subsidiary of NI's parent, The News Corporation, in September last year. "However, Collins has failed to take full advantage of the opportunities offered by the relationship with Harper & Row, even refusing to distribute and sell its titles in the UK."

Mr Ian Chapman, Collins' chairman, said: "This attack on management is manufactured for the purpose of the bid and is completely inconsistent with what has gone before."

Mr Murdoch says NI would like to take action to strengthen management but felt obliged to make offers to outside shareholders "before taking the appropriate steps to implement the changes required."

Mr Chapman responded that shareholders should not be worried about any threat of a proxy fight by NI. "We should see that off," he said.

Mr Chapman said: "This is a cheap bid aimed at bouncing shareholders."

But Miss Sonia Land, a director of NI, and formerly finance director of Collins, said: "We believe the market has not focused on the size and strength of our existing holding. We see no reason to pay a high bid premium."

British companies may be sold to pay for acquisition

KKR wins the hard fight for Nabisco

From Bailey Morris, Washington

Maxwell Communication Corporation, which acquired Macmillan, the US publishing group for $2.6 billion (£1.4 billion) last month, is selling four subsidiaries to KKR for $400 million. The businesses are Macmillan Book Clubs, Gryphon Editions and Intertec Publishings, and Webb Publishing, Maxwell's agricultural magazine unit.

The successful offer of about $25 billion (£13.49 billion) which won the battle for RJR Nabisco is expected to spark off another bidding war as Kohlberg, Kravis, Roberts begins dismantling the huge tobacco and food company to pay for its record acquisition. Several British companies could be auctioned off.

This was seen by Wall Street analysts as one of the more immediate results of the marathon contest for Nabisco, which broke all the rules of the takeover game.

The huge amount of debt that will be taken on by Nabisco – larger than the combined national debt of six developing countries – will be the focus of a Congressional inquiry. Senator Lloyd Bentsen, the powerful chairman of the finance committee, said yesterday that he will launch an investigation when the Congress convenes in January.

It was unclear whether the losers in the bizarre battle for the 19th largest US corporation will accept their defeat. There was speculation that the losing management group, lead by Mr F Ross Johnson, the president, would challenge the outcome in court. The management group, which included the participation of Shearson Lehman Hutton and Salomon Brothers, could also launch a hostile bid for the company, but analysts said that this was unlikely given the huge sums involved.

Mr Johnson, who refused to comment on the speculation, was said to be extremely bitter that the independent group of directors accepted KKR's $109 a share offer over the last-minute bid by his group which was higher, in the $112 a share or $25.76 billion range.

What is certain is that large parts of Nabisco will have to be sold off after the conclusion of the takeover. This is likely to have far-reaching effects on the regulation and scope of corporate buys.

KKR, one of the biggest LBO specialists on Wall Street, could either decide to sell off the company's tobacco operations, which have been valued at $15.7 billion, or to begin dismantling the food operations which include 13 units in Britain. Spinning off the tobacco operations for $15.7 billion would in itself be the second largest corporate sale ever.

The vast Nabisco brand operation encompasses in Britain well-established companies, including Huntley & Palmer biscuits, Jacob's Club Countline, Shreddies Cereal, Smiths crisps and snack poroducts, Walkers Crisps Snack Products, Hovis Crackers.

Much controversy remained in the aftermath of KKR's successful offer, notably the circumstances under which the independent group of Nabisco directors weighed bids by the three competiting groups.

Mr Dennis Hersch, a lawyer for the management group, said that he was "very suspicous about the methadology of their valuation." Others involved in the marathon sessions, said that the directors selected KKR for largely non-financial reasons.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Float values Metro Radio at £10.4m

Metro Radio Group, which operates Metro Radio on Tyneside and TFM Radio in Cleveland, the only two independent local radio franchises in the North East of England, will be valued at £10.4 million when it is floated on the Unlisted Securities Market.

County Natwest is placing 1,818,181 new shares at 110p – 19.2 per cent of its increased share capital. Pre-tax profits topped £1 million in the year to end-September (£573,000) on turnover of £5.4 million (£4.4 million). Earnings per share rose 63 per cent to 8.6p. Dealings start on December 8 and net proceeds of the placing will be about £1.75 million.

Expansion at Early's

Early's of Witney, a blanket maker, is expanding in the north of England by buying John Cockroft and Sons of Todmorden, West Yorkshire, for £526,000 in cash. Cockroft, which lost £30,000 on sales of £3.5 million in 1987, makes woven fabrics for industrial and wholesale outlets and sells to the Ministry of Defence.

HK venture for Thorn

Thorn EMI is planning to boost its lighting business throughout the Far East via a joint venture in Hong Kong with Jardine Engineering. The partners will each own half of Thorn Lighting (Hong Kong), which will use Thorn light-fitting designs and technology. It plans to manufacture for the local market and also export.

URS slumps into loss

URS International, the USM-quoted American project management and design group, showed a pre-tax loss of $892,000 (£481,000) on revenue of $4.3 million in the first half of 1988 compared with a profit of $840,000 on revenue of $5.3 million last year. No management fee has been charged compared with $304,000 a year ago.

The company blames delays in starting several of its contracts. Delays continued in the third quarter. Since then, there have been several starts, but second-half profits will not absorb earlier losses.

Spirax-Sarco acquisition

Spirax-Sarco Engineering is to spend Can$11.6 million (£5.3 million) in cash buying the Toronto business of Erwel, which makes a range of steam speciality products including steam traps and strainers. The assets produced trading profits of Can $400,000 in the 12 months to end June.

Parys project 'on schedule'

Anglesey Mining, which raised £5.6 million in shares to finance its Parys Mountain project in North Wales, said it has invested £4.8 million so far in working capital and the project is on schedule and within budget. Shareholders' funds were £6 million at the end of the half year to end-September.

United Industries up

United Industries, the precision springs manufacturer, showed an increase in pre-tax profits for the six months to end-September from £861,000 to £1.25 million. Turnover was up from £15.50 million to £19.51 million, with earnings per share edging up from 2.42p to 2.51p. An interim dividend of 1.2p (0.6p) is declared.

Mr John Cowen, the chairman, said the three loss-making companies are now profitable and the group has produced good results, entering the second half with strong order books. The directors look to the future with confidence.

TEMPUS

Tate & Lyle hopes for a sweeter year

After last year's hectic activity, when acquisitions were followed by disposals and new share issues, Tate & Lyle shareholders may need to raise their sugar level. They may also wonder whether they may be called on for further capital: interest costs have soared and gearing has risen to 115 per cent of equity.

Any doubts, however, that Mr Neil Shaw, the chairman, may not be fully in control, will be dispelled by the full-year results. Pre-tax profits of £120 million, up 30 per cent, exceeded the market's expectations, and was achieved despite very difficult conditions in the US.

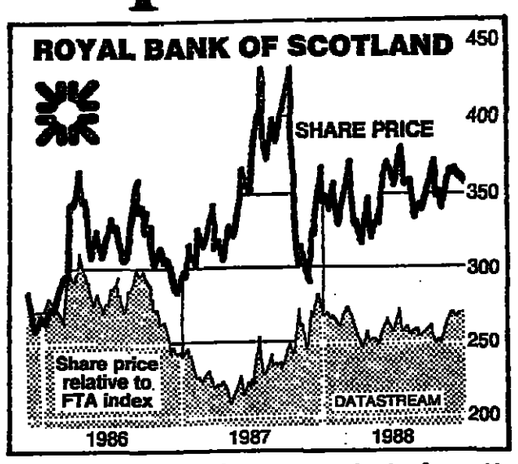
An enormous US beet harvest in 1987 resulted in an oversupply of sugar in the North-eastern states, putting severe pressure on prices and creating excess cane refining capacity on the eastern seaboard, causing losses at Tate's Refined Sugar subsidiary. As a result Tate's US profits slumped from £13.7 million to £3.9 million.

Tate now seems poised to benefit from an upsurge in US profitability this year. While the US drought appeared to have little effect on corn supplies for cereal sweeteners, 1988 beet production was down compared with the previous year's record crop and this will firm the sugar market this year.

Cereal sweeteners also look strongly positioned now that demand has caught up with capacity. Much still depends on the outcome of the quarterly price negotiations with the main users of cereal sweeteners – Coca-Cola and other soft drinks manufacturers – but prices are expected to remain firm.

The British profit recovery is also continuing and this year's results will be flattered by a one-off £8.5 million payment following the EEC's cane sugar inquiry in the summer.

This year will be a year of consolidation in which Tate hopes to reduce its gearing to about 80 per cent. Mr David Lang, analyst at the stockbroker Henderson Crosthwaite, expects Tate & Lyle to make £170 million this year. The prospective multiple, a shade under nine, reflects the risks, and makes little allowance for the group's potential.



Royal Bank of Scotland

Royal Bank of Scotland's shares had to take a dive after the annual results. Having outperformed the market by about 12 per cent during the last three weeks, the price was beginning to look overdone and yesterday's 10p fall to 355p was already on the cards.

But it does not mean that the bank's results were inadequate. They were above most expectations and the 18 per cent dividend rise was a pleasant surprise. The increase in pre-tax profit, even when one-off contributions are stripped out, was some way above most of its competitors. This shows that Royal Bank is one of the fittest banking operations in Britain.

The rather poor asset quality of a few years ago has been redressed, to the extent that the bank made a further 28 per cent reduction in normal bad debt provisions. Assets have been growing rapidly but mostly in relatively uncontentious areas such as mortgages, which shot up by £500 million.

The capital position is comfortable even after the recent spending on its overseas ambitions. Royal is confident that a rights issue is not necessary in the foreseeable future.

Meanwhile, the group is building a credible overseas strategy through its link-ups in the US with Citizens and in Spain with Banco Santander. It is too early to say what benefits will flow through, particularly from the Spanish connection, but the strategy is as sensible as any other so far dreamed up by a bank looking towards the Continent.

Royal Bank will have trouble matching the 1988 performance in the current year, though. The latest figures include several substantial one-off items such as the continued holiday from pension fund contributions – worth £21 million – and a £7.5 million profit on its stake in 3i, the venture capital institution. There will also be a further drag on profits from the introduction of an interest-bearing current account, although probably no more than the other clearers will also suffer.

This suggests a somewhat unexciting pre-tax profit of about £325 million for 1989. With the current yield at about 5.5 per cent – rather below most of the rest of the sector – and a p/e of 5.4, Royal Bank's shares are unlikely to cause much of a sensation this year.

BPB

BPB Industries' abrupt plunge from grace comes at the end of an interim reporting season which has seen many of the big names in the building materials sector comfortably outpacing City forecasts. Pre-tax profits up 14.5 per cent to £104.1 million for the half-year to end-September came in at the bottom end of a range up to £115 million.

The figures left the City in some disarray. Reduced forecasts, as low as £200 million, for the current year would imply an unbelievably static performance in the second half against a year ago. But, clearly, there was some embarrassment among those analysts who had initially been looking as high as £240 million.

The powerhouse behind the profits improvement was, inevitably, the core British plasterboard operation. BPB continues to enjoy a 95 per cent market share and rising volumes pushed earnings 20-25 per cent higher.

The weak areas were France, hit by a price war in the laminated board market, and Canada, where the parlous state of the north-east US housing market sent cheap supplies north of the border.

Its command of the British market will in future be hit by the first deliveries in the next few months from the plant built by Knauf, the private West German operation, in Sittingbourne, Kent, and by the long-awaited joint venture of Redland and CSR.

Meanwhile, the company will remain vulnerable along with the rest of the building industry to any general turndown. But yesterday's fall, of 19p to 220p, looks overdone. It leaves the shares changing hands at little more than 6.5 times prospective earnings, on an achievable £210 million for the current year.

BPB surprised the market this summer with a higher-than-expected final payout. Total dividends this year of 10.5p, the top end of forecasts, would mean a yield of 6.3 per cent. And there is always the chance of a 1992-inspired bid from a European rival attracted by BPB's geographical spread. Any further weakness – perhaps on bad housing figures – and investors should jump in.

Erskine in 38% interim rise

By Martin Waller

Erskine House, Mr Brian McGillivray's business machines group, had pre-tax profits up 38 per cent to £4.8 million in the six months to end-September – before its largest purchase yet, Quest Group, the microcomputer distributor.

The interim dividend is raised from 1.6p to 1.9p.

Analysts are now looking for profits in the region of £15 million for the current year, including a contribution of about £2 million from Quest.

July's £25 million convertible preference share issue depressed earnings per share growth to 5 per cent, to give 8.7p.

Mr McGillivray said investment during the year, including hiring more sales staff, would mean the company might miss its 20 per cent growth target this year, but was still on course to achieve that in 1989-90.

Despite pressure on margins, the British business raised pre-tax profits by 28 per cent to £3.26 million. Profits from the US rose by £200,000 to £1.59 million, held back by exchange rate movements.


Brian McGillivray: more staff

Two 'real ale' launches lift Mansfield to £3.7m

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

A successful launch of two cask-conditioned "real ales" has helped Mansfield Brewery, the East Midlands brewer, to better-than-expected interim pre-tax profits, up 11 per cent at £3.7 million.

Mansfield, whose £37.3 million turnover is down due to the sale of its Mandora soft drinks operation, attributes the higher profits to improved costs and efficiencies and increased beer volumes. Last year volume fell 5 per cent but in the current first half it has been running between 2 and 3 per cent down.

Mr Ron Kirk, group managing director, said: "Now we are getting close to growing beer volumes again. We are beginning to get improvement of margins through costs and volumes."

Its new cask-conditioned ales, Ridings and Old Bailey, are now in about a quarter of the free houses being supplied by Mansfield as it battles for this crucial growth market. Ridings is selling mainly in the Hull, Humberside, area, but is also being progressively introduced in the Mansfield heartland of the Derbyshire-Nottinghamshire border. The drive into the free trade is aided by the deal with Courage to sell Foster's lager.

One of the reasons for Mansfield's erratic performance in the past has been its relative weakness in lager, the growth sector in beer which accounts for more than 50 per cent of the trade at some national brewers. Mansfield is still at about 40 per cent.

But as well as Foster's it is also selling Red Stripe, a premium lager produced under licence by Charles Wells, the Bedford brewer. Mansfield's own lager is Marksman.

Operating profit in brewing and retailing is up 13.2 per cent but included for the first time are wholesaling profits of soft drinks which are now bought in. Finance charges fell by £820,000 mainly due to the soft drinks divestment.

Earnings per share were up 10 per cent to 15.4p. There is an unchanged interim dividend of 2.25p.

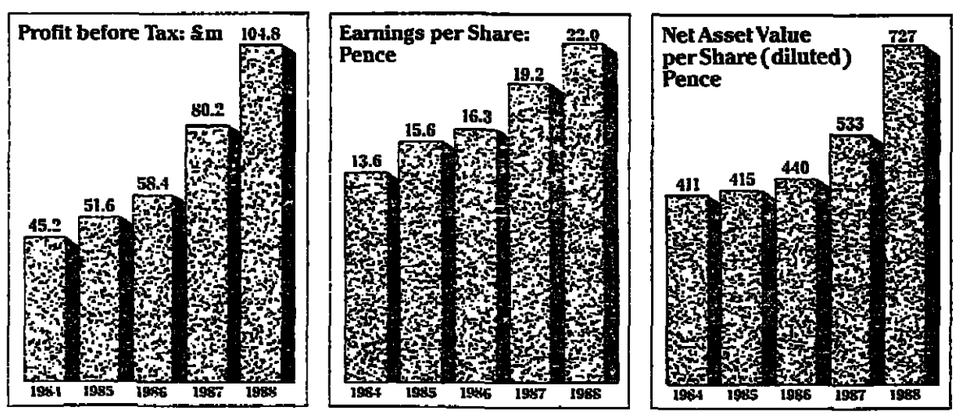
The City has marked up its expectations for the year to about £6.5 million pre-tax. But following an in-depth review of the group's profitability whose results are expected to continue to flow in, Mr Kirk is looking for more than £7 million although he says much depends on "reasonable" Christmas trading.

MEPC

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SUMMARY OF GROUP RESULTS	1988 £'m	1987 £'m	% increase
Gross rents and other income	252.7	195.4	29.3
Profit before taxation	104.8	80.2	30.7
Taxation	32.2	25.8	
Profit attributable to ordinary shareholders	69.8	53.5	30.5
Earnings per share	22.0p	19.2p	14.6
Net dividends per share	14.5p	13.0p	11.5
Net asset value per share (diluted)	727p	533p	36.4



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Storehouse pays £16m for French franchise operator

By Our Industrial Editor

Sir Terence Conran's troubled Storehouse group is paying about £16.4 million for Jacadi, a leading French franchise operator selling baby and children's wear. It has prospects for growth outside France.

A British trial is already planned for the concept which covers a similar age range to the Mothercare division of Storehouse. But it carries more exclusive ranges than Mothercare, with strongly individual in-house designs and its prices are consequently about 20 per cent higher than Mothercare.

Storehouse could eventually be paying up to £45 million in total for the Jacadi operation if the franchised outlets are bought out as planned and if Jacadi is successful in expanding substantially beyond its home market.

The acquisition is subject to French government clearance.


Sir Terence: trials planned

Jacadi has 268 outlets, mostly in France but with 11 elsewhere, including the United States. Storehouse plans a West German trial for Jacadi as well as that planned for Britain.

Storehouse is expected to operate Jacadi largely as a direct company operation although Storehouse is not a stranger to the franchise concept having nearly 100 outlets abroad for a number of its operations from BHS and Habitat to Mothercare and Richard Shops.

The precise purchase price for Jacardi will depend on 1988 profit levels. Jacadi's 1988 pre-tax profit is so far estimated at £1.8 million against £1.6 million the year before. Net assets were put at about £1.8 million in 1987.

Evode in £8.5m car parts sale

Evode Group is selling its automotive spare parts businesses to Evans Halshaw Holdings, the car dealer, for £8.5 million to concentrate on its speciality chemicals activities. The operations being sold represent slighly more than half of Supra Group – acquired for £15 million in 1987 – in turnover terms but less than half of its profits.

Rate goes up

The Mortgage Corporation is increasing its standard rate from 12.65 to 12.95 per cent. Mr Ray Pierce, an executive director, said: "If interest rates stay at their current high level, then a further rise in mortgage rates in the New Year will be inevitable."

Stake disposal

Scott & Robertson is raising £750,000 by selling its half share in Foam Plus.

Offer raised

RTZ has increased its offer for Indal, the American group, to $298 million (£135 million).

Merger plan

Granges Exploration and Goldbelt Mines have agreed to merge.

Price of platinum 'to average $565'

By Colin Narbrough

The price of platinum will average about $565 (£304) an ounce next year, after $530 this year, but will be well below the higher levels achieved recently in response to seasonal demand, according to Shearson Lehman Hutton's annual review of the world platinum industry.

The metal was fixed at $610.50 an ounce in London yesterday.

The review anticipates an extremely tight market with stock levels remaining low for the next two years, after which the situation should ease as higher growth in supply takes effect.

A spectacular rise in demand for platinum jewellery for the Far East, and very strong demand for car emission control catalysts in Europe, was accompanied this year by heightened investor activity. Total supply rose to 3.25 million ounces, up from 3.21 million.

COMPANY BRIEFS

ASHLEY GROUP (II mths)
Pre-tax: £0.12m
EPS: 0.61 (0.07)p
Div: nil

MONKS & CRANE (Int)
Pre-tax: £1.22m(£1.01)m
EPS: 4.4 (4.2)p
Div: 1.3 (1.2)p

RITZ DESIGN GP (Int)
Pre-tax: £0.65 (£0.47)m
EPS: Actual 5.0p (-)
Div: nil

CASTINGS (Int)
Pre-tax: £1.14 (£0.89)m
EPS: 7.2 (5.61)p
Div: 1.75 (1.4)p

DUNDEE & LON.INV. (Fin)
Pre-tax: £2.07 (£1.66)m
EPS: 9.02 (7.00)p
Div: 5.9 mkg 8.6p

1987 pre-tax loss £0.04m. Negotiations are in progress to expand market share and increase geographical coverage.

Turnover £23.18m (£17.20m). Company continues to increase market penetration.

Directors expect to recommend a dividend of 2p per ordinary share for year to March 31 1989 intended to be paid August 1989

The company has continued to increase sales and profit over previous year.

1987 dividend 4.4 (6.8)p. Net asset value 350 (345)p.

Rates rise could mean hard line on pay, says Ferranti

By Cliff Feltham

Ferranti International Signal, one of Britain's top electronics companies, yesterday admitted that the Chancellor's decision to raise interest rates could force it to take a tough line on pay claims – just what Mr Lawson had intended.

The defence contractor said higher interest rates had knocked £1 million from profits in the first half of the year and could cost it a further £1.5 million during the second half.

Sir Derek Alun-Jones, the chairman, said that the increased cost of borrowing coupled with the strength of sterling was threatening the company's profitability in its important export markets.

"Higher-than-anticipated borrowings and the sharp increase in interest rates worldwide have reduced anticipated profitability," Sir Derek said.

Ferranti had been taking a close look at its costs and was examining ways of keeping its wage bill as low as possible, he added.

He said: "You have to try to make your overall costs rise as little as possible." But he said employees were reluctant to accept low wage offers at a time of rising inflation.

Ferranti reported profits before tax of £40.1 million for the six months to the end of September compared with £23 million the year before.

The results include a contribution at the operating level of £18 million from the newly-acquired International Signal & Control Group. Earnings per share for the group rose by 5 per cent to 3.7p.

Ferranti won £600 million of new orders to boost its total order book to £1,600 million but is still waiting for a decision on whether it will be involved in the new European jet fighter project. Ferranti stands to gain £400 million of work on the aircraft's radar systems.

The company has recently won its first export order for one of a new range of sonar systems and secured other large contracts for naval systems. Shareholders collect an interim dividend of 0.76p, a 5.5 per cent increase on last year's payout. In the stock market Ferranti shares fell 2½p to 93½p.

Royal Bank up 57% to £309m

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

The Royal Bank of Scotland reported a 57 per cent rise in pre-tax profits for the year to September 30, up from £197.2 million to £309.2 million after a strong performance by the clearing bank operation.

At the same time, Mr Charles Winter, the chief executive, said that he was "bemused" by the controversy caused by Sir Hector Laing, chairman of United Biscuits, who asked the bank three weeks ago for a commitment of loyalty in the event of a hostile bid for the company.

A meeting with Sir Hector had been arranged for next week but the bank had so far given no commitment to UB. Mr Winter insisted that the bank would continue to treat all its customers equally.

And Sir Michael Herries, Royal Bank's chairman, added: "We do not subscribe to the idea that Scottish institutions should always support other Scottish institutions. We do not back companies just because they are Scottish."

The bank's profits were helped to rise from £202 million to £270 million by a 28 per cent reduction in the ordinary bad debt charge. Lending increased rapidly during the year, particularly on mortgages which rose by £500 million, with no substantial deterioration in lending margins.

Mr Charles Winter, the chief executive, said the bank was introducing a new account "similar to one in which interest is paid on current accounts" early next year. Although the extra cost of the account would affect next year's profits, the aim was to stem the flow of retail deposits to the building societies, Mr Winter said.

Charterhouse, the merchant banking arm, showed a £4 million fall in profits to £35 million.

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TIM BISHOP



All customers to be treated alike: Charles Winter yesterday

Cash call at Haden to fund £27m buys

Haden MacLellan Holdings, the engineering group, has bought six companies for a total of £27.75 million.

The deals are in part funded by a one-for-four rights issue at 165p to raise £22 million. Haden is buying five companies from Williams Holdings, and is paying £5.5 million for Butterley Engineering from Norcros.

Haden has found institutional holders for 9.86 million of its shares held by the Schroder UK Buy-Out Fund.

Sidlaw soars

Sidlaw Group, the Dundee, Tayside, jute, fibre, and North Sea support group, doubled pretax profits from £2.88 million to £5.63 million in the year to end-September. A final 4.25p dividend makes 7p.

Millward up

Millward Brown, the Unlisted Securities Market quoted market research group, increased pre-tax profits for the six months to end-September from £851,000 to £1.16 million on turnover of 9.42 million up from £7.42 million. The interim dividend is 1.25p (1.5p).

Avis deal

Avis Europe, the car hire group, is to buy for £5.91 million CG Leasing, an Edinburgh car and light commercial vehicles hire firm which operates throughout Britain.

Carroll ahead

Carroll Industries, the Irish tobacco group, increased pretax profits for the year to end-September from IR£7.73 million (£6.44 million) to IR£8.49 million. Turnover fell from IR£280.76 million to IR£226.93 million. A final 5.4p makes 8.2p (7.8p).

Profit leaps

Huntingdon International has raised pretax profits for the year to September 30 to £11.19 million from £8.93 million a year earlier. Fourth quarter pretax profit rose to £4.28 million from £3.27 million. The dividend is 2.25p.

RTZ purchase

RTZ, the mining group, has bought Staveley Chemicals Holdings for £28.5 million from British Steel, National Smokeless Fuels and Norsk Hydro UK.

BET move

BET, the industrial services conglomerate, has added Phonotas Services to its Initial contract cleaning division for £6.1 million cash.

COMMENT David Brewerton

George Davies learns a lesson the hard way

The last thing the market needed on the eve of the British Steel flotation was the explosion of the myth that Mr George Davies, if not the creator (Sir Terence Conran would claim that title for himself) then the executor of Next, was as vulnerable as anyone else to the odd mistake and tough trading conditions.

Mr Davies made two vital mistakes. The first was that he allowed the analysts to run away with their enthusiasm for the Next concept. If he had any doubts that the pale-pastel-smart-fogey image that began in ladies fashion could be spread across the entire retailing spectrum, he kept them to himself. Worse, he kept them from the City, and the investment analysts (which by and large fit squarely into the middle of the Next customer profile) were too eager to believe that there would be no slip "twixt cup and lip."

Only eight months ago, after the publication of results for the year to January 31 1988, the profits forecasts came tumbling out, and they ran beyond £125 million for the current year. The verbiage was even more stunning than the profits forecasts. "Last year saw a continuation of the spectacular innovation, diversification and growth that has distinguished Next since its inception," wrote one highly experienced and wise analyst. And he was right.

He was right, also, to raise a note of caution about the Next's ability to wrestle with a more demanding consumer environment.

But nobody prepared themselves for the drubbing that Next has taken on several fronts in recent months, and it inevitably raises the question as to whether the management had sufficiently sophisticated monitoring and control mechanisms in place.

Mr Davies' second mistake was to buy Combined English Stores. While the acquisition did achieve the additional space that the growth in the Next concept demanded as it spread along the high street from sector to sector, it gave the team a series of management problems to solve. The disposal programme has gone well, and he was absolutely right to avoid a head on battle in the jewellery business with Mr Gerald Ratner. In a bear market for selling businesses, Next has managed to secure bull market prices.

But while he was doing that, Grattan was going wrong, partly but not entirely the result of the postal strike. The Directory, billed with some justification as a unique home shopping concept, has acquired 300,000 customers and sales of £50 million, but it has still to complete a full annual cycle and the Christmas indications are that it is not accelerating as hoped.

Now Mr Davies is faced with the problem of letting the bad news out in rather a rush. Only a few of weeks ago, when announcing interim figures which were, at best, unexciting, the message was that "current trading on the high street continues the favourable trend of spring and summer and sales have been in line with expectations." But the second half, despite a seasonally favourable November, is proving difficult and this, "combined with a number of special factors will result in group profits for the year being significantly lower than last year," the chairman says by way of a warning.

The special factors are the sales of Zales and other businesses at a time which robbed Next of the best profit-earning months, the postal strike and the fact that the Directory will make a small loss. In terms of impact, the postal strike was the leading item at probably £15 million, with the selling of the businesses amounting to about £8 million and the change of accounting for the conversion options (complicated but realistic) about the same.

After the interim figures in late September, forecasts for the full year were shaded down to about the £90 million mark, already a far cry from the original £125 million launchpad. Having now been bitten for the second time, the analysts are looking for something in the £70 million area, and are fighting shy of over-egging the recovery pudding for next year.

But looking for the silver lining in side the stylish grey cloud, Mr Davies said yesterday that he was "more confident today than I was a year go." He has learned a valuable lesson, and his confidence is likely to be well placed. Next is better than it was, but this will have to come through in the figures before many will believe it.

Shopping for strength

A number of British buyers are likely to be queuing with their shopping bags to pick up the pieces of RJR Nabisco, and they include Huntley and Palmer, the once proud British biscuit maker which was rescued from loss-making decline by Nabisco a generation ago.

The buyer is likely to be already in the same business, and the debate on merger policy which raged when Nestlé was bidding for Rowntree will begin all over again. Should British companies be allowed to combine to fight in world markets even at a loss of competition at home?

It is a valid debate, and the only way it will be resolved is for it to go to the Monopolies Commission where all the doubts and benefits can be aired and examined. So, Sir Adrian, Sir Hector or Sir Whoever, let's put it to the test. After all, the Monopolies Commission is charged with reporting in three months, which is not too long to wait for a decision.

Jefferson Smurfit in Cundell battle

By Rodney Hobson

Jefferson Smurfit, the Irish company, has emerged as a third bidder for Cundell, the packaging group. It is making a £33.3 million offer through a subsidiary.

Terms are 185p a share cash, with a loan note alternative. Payment will be met from existing resources. Smurfit already owns 355,000, 1.97 per cent, of Cundell shares.

Cundell, which had recommended a merger with Ferry Pickering and rejected a bid by Crown Industrial, has switched allegiances and is supporting the Smurfit offer.

Ferry Pickering's paper offer, announced at the end of October, was worth about 148p a share while Crown came in with 160p in cash, valuing Cundell at £28.8 million, about £3 million above the Ferry Pickering offer.

All three bidders are also in the packaging business.

Jefferson Smurfit's offer is part of the creation of a European group of specialized companies.

Cundell will continue to operate under its present management as a separate part of the Smurfit group.

Bejam rebuff for Iceland sweetener

By Our City Staff

Iceland Frozen Foods last night offered a cash sweetener in a bid to win the support of Bejam for its £241 million takeover. But Bejam chairman and main shareholder, Mr John Apthorp, was unimpressed.

He said Iceland's offer of a partial cash alternative still made no sense. "I and my family interest have no intention of accepting the offer," he said.

Iceland, which has said its latest offer is final, has not raised its terms but introduced 123p a share cash into its package. Bejam shares slipped 18p to 170p as the stock market had been anticipating a full cash alternative. The Iceland offer is now worth 182p.

Mr Malcolm Walker, Iceland's chairman, said: "We want to do this deal but only at the right price. For four years Bejam shares traded at 160p so I think we are offering a fair premium. We have introduced the cash element partly for the benefit of small shareholders." He has imposed a December 21 deadline for acceptance of the terms.

Carless 'talking to third party'

By Carol Ferguson

Carless stepped up its battle against a £212 million hostile bid from Kelt Energy yesterday with the issue of a profit forecast for the year to March 1989 and a statement that it was in talks with a third party "which may or may not lead to an offer for the company."

In its second defence document since the bid was launched, Carless shows an interim operating profit up 92 per cent to £2.3 million. For the full year, it forecasts pre-tax profit will be not less than £9.1 million, (1987-88, £6.8 million), and earnings per share not less than 4.1p, (2.3p).

Meanwhile, Kelt has been refused permission to drill on its Torrance oil field in California. Kelt had planned to recover 27 million barrels of oil over a 30-year period. After protests from residents, Torrance City Council turned down Kelt's application to drill.

Kelt, which has been trying to drill in this area for the last three years, can re-apply for permission in six months, but its licence expires in July 1989 if drilling has not started by then. Mr Hubert Perrodo, the chairman, said Kelt had misjudged the politics of the area but was still talking to the city council and would be submitting a new plan. "For us, it's just a delay," he said.

According to Kelt, the Torrance field is worth $130 million (£70 million) – one-quarter of Kelt's total asset value of £289 million. Kelt's asset backing is of relevance to Carless shareholders who are considering accepting Kelt's offer of one convertible share and £4 in cash for every four Carless shares. There is a full cash alternative of 115p a share.

Carless shares closed up 1½p at 117p. Kelt convertible closed down 3p at 65p.

Mr Ian Clubb, Carless's managing director, claims Kelt's oil and gas properties are of doubtful quality, being chiefly interests in old fields nearing exhaustion. He called on shareholders not to "sell out to Kelt on the cheap".

Combined forces Europe

Two of the City's top headhunters, Korn/Ferry International and John Stork International, have got together for 1992 and the anticipated surge in cross-border executive searches it will bring. Stephen Rowlinson, chairman of Korn/Ferry's UK arm who becomes head of their combined operation, tells me the business of hunting high-flying executives across frontiers has doubled in the past two years to about 40 per cent of his work. In the run-up to the formation of the single European market, he expects such searches to grow even more sharply. Companies are increasingly looking further afield than their domestic pool of directors. Rowlinson, who gave the US-owned Korn/Ferry a strong City presence, sees London as the main port in Europe for internationally and upwardly mobile executives, and is convinced that it will remain Europe's premier financial centre until the end of the century. John Stork's $6 million fee income will bring the merged company's billings to about $100 million, making it the biggest in Britain.

Show case

And anyone looking for a job with one of Britain's top companies should have hung around the Old Vic theatre in Waterloo last night where 600 captains of industry and chief executives were attending the opening performance of Voltaire's *Candide*. The special preview was hosted by Goddard Kay Rogers, the country's largest indigenous head hunter. Founder David Kay is a member of the Old Vic's management board.



"I hear the electricity board is considering some sort of investor selectivity process . . ."

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Faux pas over water

The Prime Minister's insistence at serving British mineral water at official functions gave rise to a bit of sharp practice at the Department of Energy's Millbank headquarters yesterday when the Press gathered to hear details of the electricity privatization Bill. Glasses and small bottles of Perrier water were provided for Cecil Parkinson, the Secretary of State, Michael Spicer, the Under Secretary of State, and Lady Hooper, the energy spokesman in the House of Lords. Although a minion had poured the water before Mr Parkinson arrived at his seat, bottles of Buxton Spring Water were quickly substituted for the French ones, although a sharp-eyed colleague revealed that the team were left with the French water in their glasses.

Barratt's retreat

Sir Lawrie Barratt, once Mrs Thatcher's favourite housebuilder, must be mellowing with age. The dogged, lately-reclusive knight from Newcastle upon Tyne has not appeared much on television since the *World in Action* programme which criticized Barratt's timber-framed houses was shown several years ago. But on Wednesday night he appeared on local BBC and ITV television in the north-east with Alistair Balls, Tyne and Wear Development Corporation's chief executive, to plug his £26 million redevelopment of a derelict site near Byker, on the north bank of the Tyne. Formerly a station for the Greenland whaling fleet, St Peter's Basin, which is a 23-acre site, will become a riverside village of 285 homes with a 100-yacht marina for its centrepiece. Filmed on site earlier in the day, Barratt recalled: "My company started on Tyneside 35 years ago and I built my first house here. I certainly have a close interest in the future of Tyneside. There'll be all kinds of accommodation here, with prices as low as £30,000 going up to £100,000 for penthouses." The village is being built under the auspices of Tyne and Wear Development Corporation which is making a £7.5 million contribution. Somehow, I do not think it will become Margaret and Denis's new retreat if they decide to sell the Dulwich neo-Georgian establishment bought for their retirement.

Rosemary Unsworth

MIM's man

Nicholas Johnson, aged 35, the whizz-kid managing director of MIM and MIM Britannia Unit Trust Managers, has taken over the reins as chief executive in succession to Lord Stevens of Ludgate. Lord Stevens, who also runs United Newspapers which includes the *Daily Express* and *Punch*, will stay on as chairman of MIM Britannia and deputy chairman of Britannia Arrow and Johnson is not expecting him to take a back seat. "Although he has other business commitments, this is not a big change here," said Johnson, who started his working life as a graduate trainee at Samuel Montagu. There, Johnson acquired a reputation as a Japanese specialist – and was targetted as the heir-apparent after MIM was acquired by Britannia Arrow in 1985.

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THE YEAR IN BRIEF

	1988	1987
Turnover	£2,088m	£1,701m
Profit before tax	£120.1m	£92.0m
Attributable profit	£70.2m	£52.7m
Fully diluted earnings per share	88.6p	71.5p
Dividends per share	29.5p	26.0p
Dividend cover	3.3 times	2.9 times

Preliminary announcement of results for the period ended 1st October 1988

Copies of the Annual Report for the period ended 1st October 1988 will be mailed to shareholders shortly and will be available from
CP McFie, Secretary, Dept. F.R.A., Tate & Lyle PLC, Sugar Quay, Lower Thames Street, London EC3R 6DQ.

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Merger talks fail at Finlan

By Martin Waller

Finlan Group, the property developer and materials distributor, has called off merger talks with Merchant Manufactory Estate Company, the Unlisted Securities Market-quoted property group, after failing to reach agreement with the board, which is led by Mr Paul de Savary, half-brother of Mr Peter de Savary.

At the same time Finlan has announced a sharp rise in interim profits to end-September from £624,000 to £2.01 million, split almost equally between its property and timber, and its paper and glass interests.

WCRS, the advertising agency, has agreed to swap £1 million of debts owed by Finlan for new shares, boosting its holding from 6 per cent to about 10.5 per cent. The agency's involvement goes back to Finlan's acquisition in March of its subsidiary, Midtown Properties, and it now plans to hold its stake at the new level.

Mr David Rippon, managing director at Finlan, forecast further link-ups between the two companies in the light of WCRS' expansion programme which left the company needing new premises.

Finlan plans to keep its own stake in MMEC, which is currently just below 10 per cent, prompting the possibility of further talks in the future.

Finlan's interim dividend is raised from 2p to 2.2p.

'Cheating' claim from buyout team as KKR snatches victory

In one of the toughest takeover battles seen, any pretence of rules was dropped, leading to a $24.88bn offer from Kohlberg, Kravis, Roberts

In one of the roughest, most confusing and dramatic finales to a takeover battle, Kohlberg, Kravis, Roberts, the small but powerful buyout firm, claimed victory late at night in the contest for RJR Nabisco with a staggering offer of $24.88 billion (£13.42 billion), which would be the largest sum ever paid for a corporation.

Immediately, its competitor, an investment group led by Nabisco's top executives, said in a bitter response that it had bid more – $25.42 billion – but had been cheated out of the prize because of an unfair bidding process.

The group hinted that it was not yet ready to concede defeat but gave no indication of what further action, if any, it might take.

It was the second time that Nabisco's board had set a supposedly firm bidding "deadline," only to alter the rules afterwards and allow more haggling.

Any pretence of rules, procedures or order was dropped on Wednesday in the battle as the auction turned into a free-for-all.

It was a pressure-inducing technique that succeeded in sending the bids skyward.

The KKR offer was almost double the size of the previous record takeover, the $13.4 billion paid for Gulf Oil by Chevron in 1984.

After both of the previous "deadlines" set by Nabisco's board, the management group believed it had won, only to be frustrated in the end.

The conclusion to the six-week spectacle was the product of a remarkably deft series of manoeuvres by KKR and some hardball tactics that, in many ways, showed Wall Street at its best and its worst.

It seems certain that the remarkable sight of America's nineteenth largest industrial company being hoisted on the auction block by its management and its board and then fought over so bitterly by some of the sharpest financial minds in the US will help make the takeover a watershed.

KKR, lead by Mr Henry Kravis and Mr George Roberts, the senior partners, offered a package of cash and securities worth $109 for each of Nabisco's 227 million shares. In addition, it will pay $108 for each of the company's 1.3 million outstanding shares of preferred stock.

Early on Wednesday, KKR demanded that it be considered no matter what the original "rules" of the competition had been. To KKR's chagrin, a special committee of directors running the auction allowed the group to submit the new offer, setting up the real showdown.

At about midday, both bidding groups and their key advisers were put into conference rooms and told they had 15 minutes to come up with a final proposal.

At that time, both offered proposals worth more than $108 a share, according to people with knowledge of the talks. In both bids, more than 90 per cent of the purchase price would be in the form of money borrowed against the assets of Nabisco, a type of transaction known as a leveraged buyout.

In the contest, one way the groups managed to increase their bids was by reducing the amount of cash that shareholders would be paid and increasing the proportion that would be paid in the form of new securities.

At this stage, less than $85 of the purchase price for each share would be in cash.

In addition, both contenders had offered about $8 billion more than the first buyout proposal for Nabisco.

It is a price that will leave the conglomerate extremely vulnerable to any fall in business.

Nabisco's products include Ritz crackers and Winston and Camel cigarettes.

(New York Times)



Winning hand: George Roberts, senior partner at KKR

and the management-led group had emerged as the remaining two bidders in the auction, which forced the bidders into uncharted territory – levels where the risk of suffering losses just to complete the deal grew substantially.

For Nabisco's shareholders, the outcome will be short-term profits. But for the giant consumer products company, it will mean an unprecedented debt burden and result in its breakup.

At the current bidding level, the company would be saddled with more than $20 billion of debt, more than the combined national debt of Bolivia, Jamaica, Uruguay, Costa Rica and Honduras.

At the bidding "deadline" of 5pm on Tuesday, KKR was ahead with a bid of $106 a share for each Nabisco share, a total of $24 billion.

KKR worked through the night with the advisers to Nabisco's board to fashion a final merger agreement, assuming it had won.

On Wednesday morning, however, the management group madea new bid of $108 a share, or $24.5 billion, and

International offer will raise £276m for HK Telecom

From Stephen Leather, Hong Kong

Hong Kong Telecommunications officially announced yesterday that it is selling 877.5 million shares in the crown colony's largest share sale.

The company has the franchise to provide the Hong Kong telephone service until 1995 and its international services until 2006. It contributes almost three-quarters of the profits of Cable and Wireless.

It is the largest company quoted on the Hong Kong stock market and intends to raise HK$4 billion (£276.43 million) by selling the shares at HK$4.55 each in Hong Kong, the US, Japan and Europe. The offer will be split with 575 million shares for Hong Kong, 100 million for Japan and Europe, and 202.5 million for the US, where the company is applying to have the shares listed in the form of American Depository Receipts on the New York Stock Exchange. It is underwritten by Prudential Asia Capital, Baring Brothers and Wardley Corporate Finance.

The US offer has been underwritten by Prudential-Bache Capital Funding, Baring Securities, Goldman Sachs and Merrill Lynch Capital Markets.

The international offer has been underwritten by Prudential-Bache Capital Funding and Baring Brothers as lead managers and by an unnamed international underwriter.

At present Hong Kong Telecommunications is 79 per cent owned by Cable and Wireless, 11 per cent by the Hong Kong Government and 10 per cent is in the hands of Hong Kong shareholders.

After the share offering, the Cable and Wireless stake will be reduced to 75 per cent, with the Government stake dropping to 7 per cent and the public holding rising to 18 per cent.

The issue received a boost yesterday with the news that a China-backed trust fund is buying more than 10 per cent of the shares reserved for Hong Kong.

Application lists for the shares close on December 7 and the basis of allotment will be announced on December 9. Share certificates and refund payments will be posted on December 14.

Nectar Cosmetics in £6.3m facelift

By Robert Rodwell

Nectar Cosmetics, the fast-growing natural beauty products business, started five years ago in Ulster, yesterday announced a £6.3 million expansion which will treble its workforce and create 300 jobs at Carrickfergus, Co Antrim.

Supported by the Northern Ireland Industrial Development Board, the expansion will involve a 50,000 sq ft factory and warehouse to be completed by next August. They will replace Nectar's premises in a redundant Courtaulds synthetic fibre plant.

Nectar supplies 57 franchises in the United Kingdom and Ireland, Sweden, Norway, Italy, Malaysia and Singapore. Its recent growth resembles that of Body Shop, its direct competitor in the natural cosmetics business.

A further two outlets open in Britain this weekend, at Coventry and Northampton. Others will follow this month at Dalston Cross, east London, and Dunfermline, Fife. The company forecasts the opening of 30 franchise shops next year, including its first in the Middle East, and its first penetration of the north American market with others opening in Canada.

Nectar is owned by Mr Alan Nocher, Mr Bill Waring and Mr David Smyth, its three founding directors. It was initially supported by a local venture capital company. Mr Eric McDowell, the IDB chairman, said Nectar was one of the largest "home-grown" industrial expansions by a locally owned company for some years.

With development of its formulas done almost wholly in-house Nectar is now technically equipped to tackle any market in the world. Its range includes cosmetics developed for ethnic groups. "Oddly enough, the demand for ethnic cosmetics came not initially from abroad but from Birmingham," Mr Nocher said.

Though Nectar had to import 90 per cent of its raw materials and most of its packaging, the haulage service excellence means its location has not been a disadvantage.

RECENT ISSUES

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Apollo Watch Prods	25½
BMSS (118p)	119 –1
Bucknall Aust (110p)	110
Builder Gp (125p)	158
Caldwell Inv	30
Chieftain Group (92p)	100
Colonade (138p)	*136*
Com-Tek 16 1-(2p)	16
Darby Group (115p)	146
Dawson group	156
Ew Fact	93 –2
Edinburgh Hibernian (55p)	64 +1
Heritage (95p)	151
Hi-Tech Sports (160p)	142
Jersey Gen Inv Tr	470
Jeyes Group (140p)	180 –1
Melville Group (120p)	123
Nat Telecom (120p)	135 –1
Newzealand Inv (100p)	95
Portmirion Pots (180p)	185 +1
Racal Telecom (170p)	159 –1
Riva (110p)	121
SCEcorp	£17⅞ +⅛
SMAC Group (93p)	93
SWP (20p)	28
Safeland	65
Specialeyes (77p)	67
Swallowfield (145p)	166
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Britannia N/P	13 +1
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Quadrant N/P	13
Ratners N/P	7½ –4½
Select N/P	7
Woodingtons N/P	

(Issue price in brackets).

ALPHA STOCKS

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
ADT	1,000	CU	591	Laporte	1,974	Saatchi	395
Abbey	3,488	Cons Gold	411	L&G	174	Sainsbury	1,112
Allid-Lyons	1,406	Cookson	367	Lloyds	523	Scot & N	2,411
Amstrad	1,764	Courtaulds	3,795	Lonrho	1,308	Sears	7,298
ASDA	541	Dalgety	377	Lucas	1,658	Sedgwick	7,298
Al Foods	138	Decons	3,318	Magnet	439	Shell	170
Argyll	2,064	ECC	589	M&S	1,441	Siebe	679
BAA	1,607	Enterprise	976	Maxwell Cm	4,428	Slough	1,100
BET	2,481	Ferranti	8,471	MB Group	86	Smith & N	975
BTR	3,080	Fisons	3,650	MEPC	995	Smith WH	2,735
BAT	733	FKI Babck	1,877	Midland	2,074	Smiths Ind	366
Barclays	2,588	Gateway Cp	1,905	NatWest	2,000	STC	1,304
Bass	877	Gen Acc	207	Next	3,512	Stan Chart	503
Beecham	1,291	GEC	8,958	Nth Food	10,577	Storehse	506
Beazer	473	Glaxo	496	P&O	476	Sun Alince	10,147
Bristol SW	189	Globe Inv	693	Pearl	792	T & N	308
BICC	417	Glynwed	438	Pearson	149	Tarmac	228
Blue Arrow	3,134	Granada	1,328	Pilkington	84	Tate & Lyle	454
Blue Circle	747	Grand Met	624	Plessey	1,210	Taylor Wd	2,949
BOC	1,299	GUS 'A'	630	Polly Peck	2,684	TSB	1,256
Boots	845	GRE	1,062	Prudential	879	Tesco	697
BPB	11,332	GKN	724	Racal	3,555	Thorn EMI	657
Br Aero	1,449	Guinness	2,866	Racal Tel	280	Trafalgar	1,319
Br Airways	901	Hamm 'A'	986	Rk Hovis	648	THF	1,716
Br Comm	1,338	Hanson	9,255	Rank	168	Ultramar	562
Br Gas	3,849	H & C	56	R&C	120	Unigate	3,692
Br Land	356	Hawker	258	Redland	1,402	Unilever	651
Br Petrol	3,272	Hillsdown	1,090	Reed	1,528	United Bis	1,743
Br Telecm	4,161	IMI	740	Reuters	262	Utd News	240
Bunzl	1,423	ICI	740	RMC Gp	442	Wellcome	1,236
Burmah	1,069	Inchcape	2,430	RTZ	377	Whitbrd	430
Burton	*3,644*	Jaguar	*568*	*R-Royce*	*6,097*	Williams	3,473
C&W	825	Lasmo	88	Rothmn 'B'	546	Willis Fab	344
Cadbury	12,778	Ladbroke	832	Royal Bank	1,570	Wimpey G	2,628
Coats	2,601	Land Sec	2,104	Royal Ins	3,108	Woolworth	2,837

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Midland Bank plc, Stock Exchange Services Department, Mariner House, Pepys Street, London EC3N 4DA;
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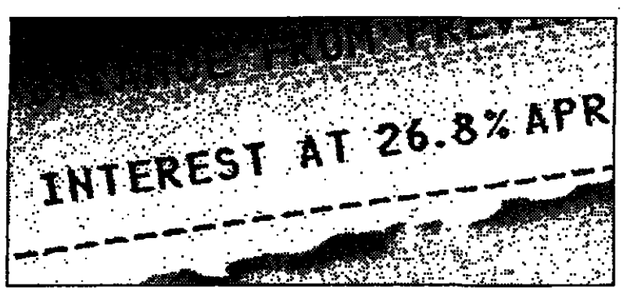
Sir Michael Herries, Chairman, The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc.

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- Total income increased by 15% to £889.8m.
- Dividend raised by 18% to 15p.
- Earnings per share increased by 49% to 67.1p.

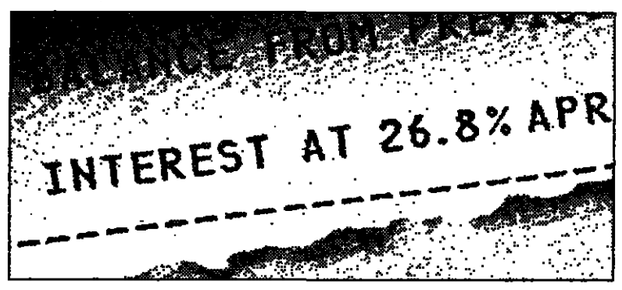
FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Results for the year to 30th September, 1988	Year to 30.9.88	Year to 30.9.87	% Change
Profit before taxation	£309.2	£197.2m	57
Profit attributable to ordinary shareholders	£192.5	£128.2m	50
Total assets	£21.7bn	£19.1bn	13
Earnings per 25p ordinary share	67.1p	45.0p	49
Dividends per ordinary share	15.0p	12.7p	18
Dividend cover (times)	x4.5	x3.5	29

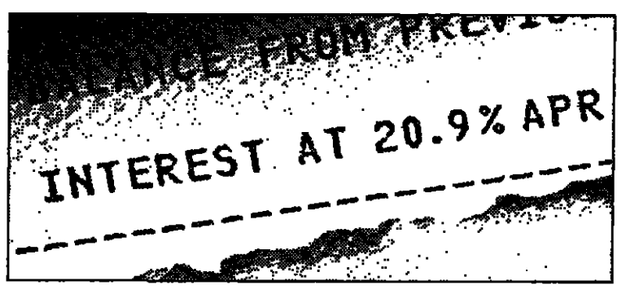
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STOCK MARKET

Investors stay on the sidelines

This week's struggle between the bulls and bears showed few signs of resolving itself yesterday as share prices continued to fluctuate wildly *in thin conditions.*

Last week's bad trade figures and the 1 per cent rise in base rates to to 13 per cent remains prominent in investors' minds. The City fund managers are in no rush to test the water. They appear content to leave their money in the bank. One broker said: "Why risk it in a nervous equity market?"

Prices made a dull start, still suffering from the effects of a £100 million sell programme on Wednesday evening, carried out by Phillips & Drew for one of its clients.

Talk of a £130 million sell programme — this time by County NatWest WoodMac — did little to soothe frayed *nerves yesterday.*

But a few cheap buyers enabled prices to close above their worst levels. This was reflected in the FT-SE 100 index, which, having been 20.7 down at its lowest point, reduced the loss to 13.7 at 1,778.7. The narrower FT index of 30 shares finished 7.8 lower at 1,450.2.

Dealers say that the unsettled conditions bode ill for the British Steel flotation. The IG Index, the City's financial bookmaker, was quoting the partly-paid price at 63p — a premium of just 3p and barely enough to cover the stags' dealing costs. Application lists are due to close at 10 am today.

Government securities ended little changed on the *day.*

GEC, which has linked up with Siemens, the West German industrial group, to launch a £1.6 billion for its rival, Plessey, was one of the few bright features, clinging on to an early rise of 4p at 177p. By the close, almost 6 million shares had changed hands. This followed reports of heavy call option business which saw the equivalent of more than 500,000 shares absorbed by call option activity.

Dealers said that there had been demand from Tokyo with investors prepared to pay "out of the money" for the January 180p series. At current levels, the share price would have to rise by at least 10p before investors could expect to break even.

BOM Holdings, formerly Bristol Oil & Minerals, is hoping to raise £16.4 million by a rights issue of three ordinary shares for every two held, or 62 shares for every £1 of convertible loan stock, at 2½p each. Half the issue is being underwritten by the company's brokers.

GEC has badly underperformed the rest of the market in recent years amid growing criticism of its £1 billion-plus cash mountain. Some analysts claim that the group has become a "sleeping giant."

Lord Weinstock, GEC's managing director, has been thinking of 1992 in launching his bid for Plessey. But vague talk in the market-place claimed that GEC could find itself on the receiving end of a bid before long. It has even been suggested that Siemens may decide to try to snap up both GEC and Plessey. Cash-rich Hanson is also known to be on the look-out for acquisitions. It plans to increase its borrowing powers.

Still worried by the prospect of a monopolies referral, Plessey spent an unsettled day but managed to close unchanged at 209p. **Hanson** firmed a fraction to 154p.

Racal Electronics also put in a late rise, to close all-square at 263p, ahead of full-year figures during the next account. Some brokers are forecasting a rise of about 50 per cent to more than £62 million and claim that the group appears to have recovered from recent problems.

Unigate rose 3p to 285p in sympathy with Cadbury Schweppes. But dealers are increasingly concerned about the spread of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy, a brain disorder, among dairy herds. The Government has already ordered all farmers not to sell milk from cows showing symptoms.

But shares of **Racal Telecom Group**, which was floated off from the parent company this year, remained friendless with the price slipping another 1p to 159p.

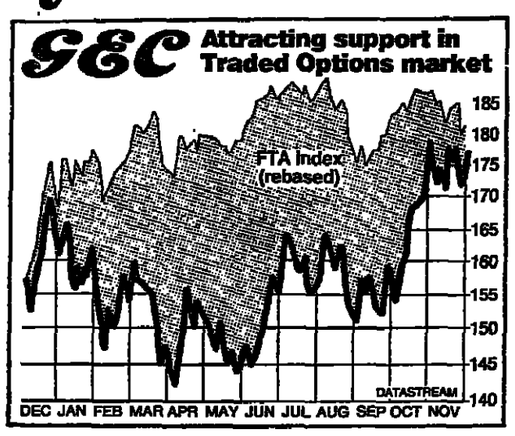
Reuters, the international news agency and financial information group, managed to reduce an earlier fall to finish just 3p lower at 461p, after 459p. The group last night addressed a presentation of analysts and fund managers in New York. Brokers have become increasingly alarmed about the contraction of financial markets around the world since the crash.

In stores, Next tumbled 20p to 136p following the news of the group's profits warning. Mr George Davis, the chairman and chief executive, said that difficult conditions in the second half and other problems would result in profits being "significantly lower" than last year.

Dixons, the high street electrical goods retailer, lost an early lead to finish 2½p lower at 142p. A group of overseas businessmen has been trying to put together a consortium, aimed at launching a leveraged buyout of the group.

The consortium would like to sell the retail operation, helping it to finance the deal and allowing it to concentrate on the property portfolio.

Michael Clark



TOKYO

Prices dip on US rates fear

(Reuter) — Share prices fell yesterday after reaching a record traded high as bullishness was overwhelmed by concern over the pace of recent gains and possible higher US interest rates, brokers said.

The Nikkei index fell 37.44 points, or 0.13 per cent, to 29,541.46. It rose 260.60 points to a record close of 29,578.90 on Wednesday.

It reached a traded high of 29,683.74 yesterday morning, boosted by Wall Street's three-day rally. The previous high, set on Wednesday, was 29,579.87.

Rises and falls were almost matched with 494 up and 390 down. Turnover was 1.5 billion shares against 1.6 billion.

Advances were led by securities houses, non-life insurance, shipping, warehouse, fishery, credit/lease, machinery, railway/bus, retail and textile shares.

● **Hong Kong** — Prices closed slightly higher after another active day with property shares again leading the market, brokers said. The Hang Seng index gained 8.73 points to 2,668.03 and the broader-based Hong Kong index was 9.29 higher at 1,765.90.

Turnover reached HK$1.17 billion (£81.15 million) compared with Wednesday's HK$1.13 billion.

A share analyst said: "Technical factors are strong."

NEW YORK

Profit-takers stem share advance

(Reuter) — Shares fell in moderate, early trading yesterday as profit-takers moved in after recent gains which produced a 75-point rise in the Dow Jones industrial average in two weeks.

Investors moved to the sidelines in advance of today's report on US unemployment, traders said.

The Dow average fell 6 points to 2,108.51. Declines outnumbered advances by two to one.

Mr Harry Laubscher, a technical analyst at Tucker Anthony, RL Day, said: "They are taking some profits in advance of the unemployment numbers."

But he sees the rally which started on November 16 continuing until the end of the year.

The Dow average closed 12.98 higher on Wednesday.

● **Sydney** — The market suffered its fourth consecutive fall as shares drifted down throughout the day.

At the close of floor trading, the All-Ordinaries index slipped 15.5 to 1,456. The All-Industrials index fell 20.6 to 2,422.7, the All-Resources 11.2 to 732.6 and the gold marker 19.5 to 1,489.0.

National turnover was 80.33 million shares, worth Aus$152.98 million (£72.43 million).

WALL STREET

	Nov 30	Nov 29		Nov 30	Nov 29		Nov 30	Nov 29
AMR Cp	52½	52¾	Fedders	10¾	10¾	Pennzoil	72¾	72½
ASA	39¼	39¾	Fst Chicago	30¾	30¾	Pepsico	40¾	40¾
Aetna Life	48	48¼	Fst Int Bncp	45¾	45¾	Pfizer	56¾	56
Allied Signal	34½	33¾	Fst Penn Cp	12¾	12¾	Phelps Dod	49¼	48¾
Alls Chlm	⅝	⅝	FT Wachvia	38¾	39¼	Philip Mor	96¾	96
Alcoa	53	52¾	Ford Motor	52¾	51¾	Philip Pet	20	19¾
Amax Inc	22¾	22¾	GAF Cp	48¼	45¾	Pillsbury	59¾	57¾
AMR Hess	29¾	29¾	GTE Cp	45¾	45	Polaroid	36¾	36
Am Brands	56¾	55½	Gen Cp	18¾	17¾	Primerica	28¾	26½
Am Cynmd	45¾	45½	Gn Dynam	50½	50¾	Proct Gble	81¾	81½
Am Ele Pwr	27	26¾	Gen Electric	45	44¾	Pub S E G	25	24¾
Amexa	27	26¾	Gen Inst	23¾	22¾	R Nabisco	93	90¾
Am Family	13¼	13¼	Gen Mills	52¾	50½	Raytheon	70¾	71½
Am Home	80¾	79¼	Gen Motors	84¼	84	Rymkts Med	51	50¾
Am Int Grp	65¾	63¾	Gen Pub Ut	37¾	36¾	Rockwell Int	20¾	19¾
Am Telph	29¾	29	Genesco	5¾	5¾	Royal Dutch	113¾	114
Amoco Cp	74	73¾	Georgia Pac	34¾	34¾	SFE Sopac	17¾	16¾
Anheusr B	31¾	31¾	Gillette	33¾	32¾	Sara Lee	45¼	44¾
Arch Dan	20	20	Goodrich	49¾	49¾	Schlumb	33¾	33¾
Armco Steel	9¾	9¾	Goodyear	47¾	48	Scott Paper	36¾	36¼
Asarco Inc	26¾	26¼	Grace Co	25½	25¾	Seagram	59¾	57¾
Ashland Oil	33¾	33¾	Grt Atl Pac	45¾	45¼	Sears Roeb	39¾	38¾
Atl Richfld	80¼	79¾	Greyhnd	25¾	26¼	Sec Pac	37¾	36¾
Avon Prod	19¾	19¾	Grumman	21	20¾	Shell Trans	73¼	73¼
Bk Boston	23¾	23½	Gulf Westn	39	38¾	Smith Beck	44¾	44¾
Bank NY	35¾	34½	Heinz	45¾	44¼	Sony Cp	54¾	55¾
Bankamer	18	17¾	Hercules	43	43¼	SW Bell	41¾	40¾
Bkrs Tst NY	38	37¾	Hewlett Pk	48¾	48¾	Squibb	68¾	67¾
Baxter	17¼	16¾	Hilton	52¼	52¼	Sun Comp	32¾	31¾
Beth Steel	20¾	20¾	Honeywell	59¾	59	TDK	73	74
Boeing	62	61¾	IC Ind	32¾	31¾	TRW Inc	42¼	42¾
Boise Csco	40	39¾	ITT Cp	50¾	49¾	Teledyne	328¾	327¾
Borden	56¾	56	INCO	32¾	31¼	Tenneco	49¾	49¾
Bristl Meyr	44¾	43¾	Ing Rand Wi	33¾	33¾	Texaco	47¾	47¾
BP	54¼	54¾	Inland Steel	38¾	38¾	Tex Eastn	29¼	28¼
Brunswick	17¼	17¾	IBM	118½	119¼	Texas Inst	35¾	35½
Burl Nth	75¾	75¾	Int Paper	44¼	43½	Tex Util	28¾	28¾
CBS	170¾	167½	Irving Bk	76	74¾	Textron	23¾	23¾
CMS Engy	24	24½	Jhns & Jhns	86	85¾	Travelers	34¾	35
CPC Int	50½	49¾	K Mart	35¾	34¾	UAL Cp	106¾	107½
CSX Cp	30¾	30¾	Kerr McGee	37	36¾	USG Cp	5¾	5¾
Camp Soup	31¾	30¾	Kimbrly Clrk	58¾	59¾	USX Cp	27¾	27¾
Can Pacific	16¾	16¾	Knight Ridr	46¾	46¾	Unilever Plc	33½	33¾
Caterpillar	63¾	64¼	Kraft	105½	105¾	Un Carbide	25¾	25¾
Centrl SW	31½	30¾	Kroger	17¾	17¾	Un Pac Cp	61¾	61¾
Champion	31¼	30½	LTV Cp	2¼	2¾	Unisys Cp	27¾	27
Chase Man	28	27¼	Litton	71¾	72	Unit Brand	13¾	14
Chem Bank	33¾	32¾	Lockheed	40¾	39¾	Us West	58	57½
Chevron	45¾	45½	Lone Star	30¾	30¼	Utd Tech	40¼	40¾
Chrysler	26¾	25¼	Man H'nver	29	28½	Unocal	37	37
Citicorp	26	25¾	Manville	7¾	7½	Warn Lamb	75¾	73
Clark Eq	31¼	31	Mapco	52	51¾	Wells Far	67	66¾
Coca Cola	43¾	43	Marriott	30¾	30¾	Westg El	51¾	51¾
Colgate	43¾	43¾	Mt Marrietta	41¼	41½	Weyershr	24½	24¾
Columb Gas	35½	35½	Masco Cp	24¾	24¼	Whirlpool	34¾	34¾
Cmb'n Eng	25¾	25½	Mcdonalds	47	46¾	Woolworth	51¾	51¼
Conwith Ed	31¾	32¾	McDonnell	75¾	75¾	Xerox Cp	55	55¾
Cons Edis	45	44¾	Mead Cp	40¾	39	Zenith	19¾	18¾
Consol Ng	39¾	39¾	Merck	56¾	55¾			
Cont Data	17¾	17½	Minsta Mng	60¾	60¾	**CANADIAN PRICES**		
Corning Gl	67	65¾	Mobil	44¾	44¼			
Crane	22¾	22¾	Monsanto	90¾	90¾	Agnco Eag	12¾	12¾
Curtiss W	52¼	51¾	Montedison	15¼	14¾	Alcan Alum	37¼	37
Data Genl	17¾	17¾	Morgan Jp	35¼	34¾	Can Pacific	19¾	20
Deere Co	49¾	49	Motorola	37¾	37	Comico	22¾	22¼
Delta Air	48¾	48¾	NCR	52	52¾	Con Bathrst	14¾	14¾
Detroit Ed	16¾	16	NL Indstrs	6¼	6¼	Hawk S Can	21	20¾
Digital Eq	93¾	92¾	Nat Md Ent	21¼	21¼	Hud Bay M	21¼	21¼
Disney	63¾	62¼	Nat Semi	8¾	8¾	Imasco	27¼	27¼
Dow Chem	85¾	84¼	Norfolk Sth	30¾	30¾	Imperial Oil	47¾	48¾
Dresar Ind	27¼	27¼	NW Bancrp	32¾	32¾	Inco	38	37¾
Dupont	81¾	81¾	Occid Petl	26	26	Royl Trstco	15¾	15¾
Duke Pwr	45¾	45¾	Ogden Cp	29¾	28¾	Seagram	70¼	69
East Kodak	45¼	45	Olin Cp	46¼	45	Shell Can	39¾	39¼
Eaton Cp	52¼	52¾	PPG Ind	36¾	37¼	Stelco	21½	21¾
Emerson El	30¼	29¾	Pac Emerp	37¾	37	Thmsn N 'A'	27¼	27¼
Emery Air	4¼	4¾	Pac Gas El	18¾	17¾	Varity Cp	3.25	3.30
Exxon	43¼	42¾	Pan Am	2¾	2¾	WCE	15¾	15¾
Farah Inc	7¾	8	Penney JC	53¾	51¾	Weston	35	34½

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
Allid Lyons (*485)	420	80	85	–	4	9	–
	460	22	39	58	15	25	32
	500	7¾	20	34	44	47	52
Brit Air (*156)	140	16	23	29	2¾	5	7
	160	5½	11	16	10	12	16
	180	1	4½	9	26	29	32
Brit Com (*224)	220	14	23	32	7	12	16
	240	5	12	19	20	23	25
	260	1¾	7	17	38	38	42
BP (*245)	220	29	32	35	1¼	5	6
	240	12	15¾	21	5¾	13	14¾
	260	3½	6	11¾	16	24	25
Bass (*784)	750	40	66	90	13	18	22
	800	15	37	57	42	43	45
	850	5	18	32	68	68	–
C & W (*368)	360	28	35	50	12	18	23
	390	7	18	31	28	34	42
	420	2¼	10	20	54	58	62
Cons Gold (*1194)	1150	105	155	190	40	70	85
	1200	75	125	165	60	85	110
	1250	50	100	–	95	120	–
Courtauld (*250)	220	3¼	16	15	32	33	37
	200	2	9	10	62	62	62
	330	1	2¾	4½	62	62	62
Cons Union (*320)	300	28	35	42	3	9	13
	330	9	19	25	17	25	28
	360	3	7	15	44	49	52
GKN (*309)	300	20	27	33	7	14	17
	330	5	11	18	23	32	36
	360	1	3½	9	53	57	60
Grand Met (*448)	420	39	46	61	4	12	14
	454	17	25	–	17	28	–
	483	4½	11½	–	46	52	–
ICI (*975)	950	52	70	95	16	35	44
	1000	23	43	70	38	56	65
	1050	10	24	48	77	92	98
	1100	4	12	36	127	133	137
Jaguar (*280)	240	39	57	62	4½	10	14
	280	13½	22	30	9	17	24
	290	5½	12	22	21	30	38
Land Sec (*582)	550	47	67	80	4	9	16
	600	15	35	48	23	27	32
	650	4	15	28	70	70	73
M & S (*145)	140	11	17	20	3½	5½	7½
	160	2¼	6¼	10	16	18	21
	180	1	3	5	35	37	38
STC (*266)	260	17	24	32	9	12	15
	280	9	14	22	21	22	25
	300	3	7	15	37	38	40
Sainsbury (*196)	180	21	29	34	1½	4	7
	200	8	17	23	7	12	13
	220	2¼	8	14	23	25	28
Shell (*962)	950	55	75	95	13	25	27
	1000	26	44	65	38	50	53
	1050	10	23	44	73	90	92
Storehse (*205)	160	47	54	58	3	6	9
	180	34	40	50	8	11	14
Trafalgar (*308)	290	19½	30	36	18	20	28
	300	14	21	28	11	14	18
	330	4	9	14	36	36	38
Utd Biscs (*291)	280	21	35	40	10	12	13
	300	10	21	30	18	22	28
	330	5	14	18	41	43	46
Ultramar (*252)	210	45	52	–	3½	9	–
	235	28	37	–	8	14	–
Woolworth (*246)	240	14	25	32	7	10	14
	260	6	14	22	18	22	28
	280	2¼	9	13	38	40	42

	Series	Calls Jan	Apr	Aug	Puts Jan	Apr	Aug
GEC (*178)	140	41	40	–	1	1½	–
	160	22	25	32	2¾	5	8½
	180	6¾	14	19	9	12	16

	Series	Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
R-Royce (*128)	120	13	19	–	3	4	–
	130	6	11½	14	5½	7¾	13
	140	1½	6	10	13½	14	16
TSB (*107)	100	10	12	–	1	3	–
	110	4	5¼	8	6	6½	8
	120	1	2¾	5	14	15	15

	Series	Calls Feb	Apr	Jul	Puts Feb	Apr	Jul
Ladbroke (*428)	380	50	–	–	3½	–	–
	420	20	36	46	11	14	18
	460	5½	16	25	36	38	41

	Series	Calls Feb	May	Aug	Puts Feb	May	Aug
Brit Aero (*432)	420	36	44	55	15	24	28
	460	16	23	36	35	46	50
	500	6	12	22	77	75	83
BAA (*256)	280	19	28	36	5½	9	11
	260	8	16	24	16	18	20
	300	3½	9	–	35	34	–
BAT Ind (*434)	420	33	42	50	8	16	19
	460	11½	21	30	30	38	41
	500	4	9½	–	68	70	–
Brit Tele (*256)	220	37	44	–	1½	3½	–
	240	20	28	34	5	7	12
	260	8	14	19	14	16	23
Cadbury (*353)	330	41	50	61	10	16	19
	360	22	34	44	24	30	34
	390	12	24	28	43	48	50
Guinness (*329)	300	40	44	54	3	6	7
	330	17	24	34	12	17	18
	360	6	10	17	34	36	40
LASMO (*464)	460	38	56	70	27	38	46
	500	22	40	48	52	60	67
	550	11	24	–	80	95	–
P & O (*334)	500	70	82	–	3	7	–
	550	32	42	53	14	25	28
	600	12	20	30	50	57	58

	Series	Calls Feb	May	Aug	Puts Feb	May	Aug
Pilkington (*217)	200	22	28	32	4	7	10
	220	9	16	19	13	14	19
	240	4	9	10	30	30	32
Plessey (*209)	200	19	29	30	6	13	16
	220	11	18	21	18½	22	25
	240	5	10	13	35	39	39
Prudential (*147)	140	14	17	20	3	7	8
	160	4	7	10	15	17	18
	180	1	3	–	36	36	–
Racal (*263)	260	19	30	36	12	17	20
	280	10	20	26	26	30	33
	300	4½	12	17	43	45	48
RTZ (*435)	390	68	73	–	8	12	–
	420	38	52	62	14	24	25
	460	16	30	40	35	42	45
Vaal Reefs (*374)	60	17	18	20	1½	3½	6
	70	8¾	10¾	14	6	8	10
	80	5	6¾	9	13	14	16

	Series	Calls Dec	Mar	Jun	Puts Dec	Mar	Jun
Amstrad (*153)	180	1¾	8	13	29	31	31
	200	1	3¾	6	48	49	49
	220	1	2¼	4¾	68	68	68
Barclays (*415)	360	60	–	–	1	–	–
	395	27	–	–	1	–	–
	429	4	–	–	18	–	–
Blue Circ (*432)	420	17	36	42	3	14	20
	460	3	16	22	30	30	42
	500	1	6	11	70	70	72
Dixons (*143)	140	8	15	20	1	9	13
	160	1	7	10	18	21	24
	180	1	2¾	–	39	40	–
Glaxo (*1064)	1050	34	67	–	17	39	–
	1100	13	60	93	45	62	70
	1150	3¾	40	70	90	93	100
Hanker (*525)	500	30	57	62	5	13	18
	550	4	23	33	28	35	45
	600	1	9	14	78	80	87
Hillsdown (*256)	260	6	16	22	7	12	15
	280	1½	8	13	25	25	27
	300	½	3	–	45	45	–
Lonhro (*382)	360	34	56	65	7	26	36
	390	15	38	52	22	44	48
	420	6	28	42	44	64	66
Midland (*424)	380	40	52	56	1	8	10
	420	11	28	37	5	20	22
	460	1¾	8	15	38	47	48
Sears (*118)	120	4¾	12	16½	5¾	10¾	12
	130	2¾	8	10¾	14	15	17¾
	140	1¼	5¾	8	23	24	24
THF (*260)	240	22	36	40	1¼	6½	12
	260	7¾	18	29	7¾	17½	22
	280	2¾	11	20	22	32	34
Thorn EMI (*639)	600	50	82	80	5	14	19
	650	13	32	47	19	35	45
	700	3	14	28	65	70	80
Wellcome (*424)	460	3	19	30	36	46	44
	500	1	5	19	78	78	78
	550	1	3	9	128	128	128

	Series	Calls Dec	Apr	Jul	Puts Dec	Apr	Jul
Boots (*217)	200	18	30	39	1	8	10
	220	5	16	25	5	14	19
	240	1½	10	18	26	28	29

	Series	Calls Jan	Mar	Jun	Puts Jan	Mar	Jun
Brit Gas (*157)	140	18	21	25	¼	2¼	3
	160	3	6½	11	7½	8¼	9½
	180	⅜	1¾	4½	26	26½	27

	Series	Calls Jan	Mar	Jun	Puts Jan	Mar	Jun
RMC (*347)	330	32	–	–	5	–	–
	350	14	–	–	18	–	–
	390	7	–	–	43	–	–

	Series	Calls Dec	Mar	Jun	Puts Dec	Mar	Jun
Beechams (*451)	420	36	54	66	2	7	13
	460	8	28	41	15	23	29
	500	1½	12	24	51	51	54
Unilever (*442)	420	25	46	58	2½	8½	14
	460	5	20	33	21	28	32
	500	1	9	18	60	62	62

	Series	Calls Dec	Mar	May	Puts Dec	Mar	May
BTR (*283)	260	26	37	–	1	4	–
	280	10	22	25	4½	8½	14
	300	2	11	14	18	20	23
Hanson (*164)	130	24½	25½	–	½	1	–
	140	14½	17½	6¼	½	3	3¼
	160	1¼	6	9	11	12½	12½
Tesco (*134)	130	7	13	18	2¼	8	7
	140	2½	8	10	8	11	13
	160	1	2½	3½	27	27	28

	Series	Calls Jan	Mar	Puts Jan	Mar
Enterprise (*486)	550	17	33	–	67	75	–
	600	8	20	–	115	118	–
	650	4	11	–	165	167	–
Scot & New (*398)	390	23	35	–	7	16	–
	420	9	22	–	26	35	–
	460	2	12	–	65	66	–

	Series	Calls Jan	Feb	Puts Jan	Feb
Tr 12% (*105)	110	01	–	–	426	–	–
	112	01	–	–	–	–	–
	114	01	–	–	–	–	–

FT-SE INDEX (*1778)

Series	Calls Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Puts Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
1700	96	106	120	131	7	15¾	21	27
1750	69	78	95	97	15	26	35	40
1800	24	48	62	68	38	45	53	62
1850	7	28	39	46	72	76	85	90
1900	2	9	13	23	122	125	125	127
1950	1	3	5	–	172	175	175	–

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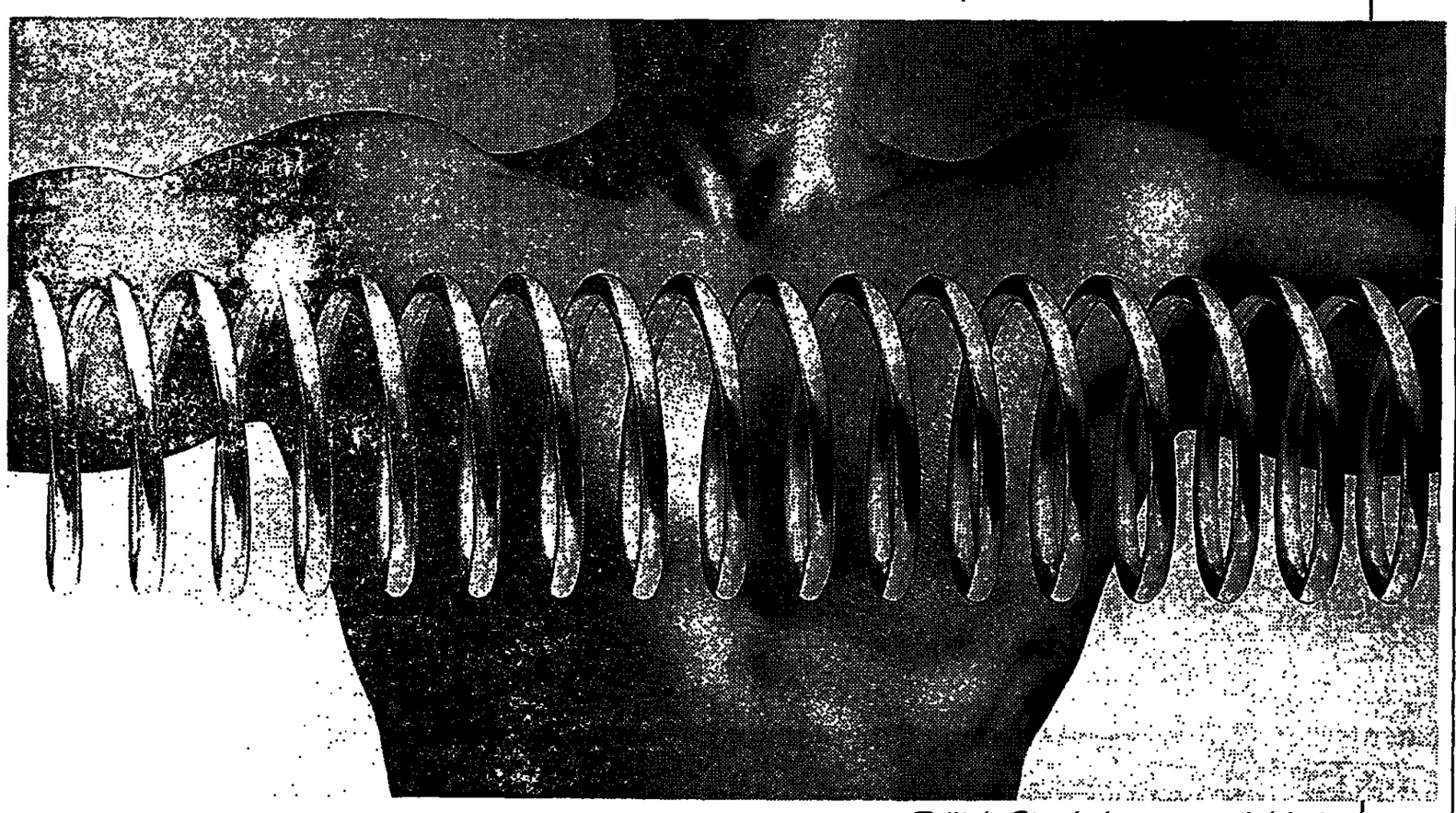
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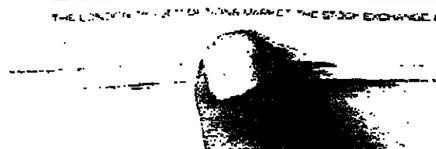
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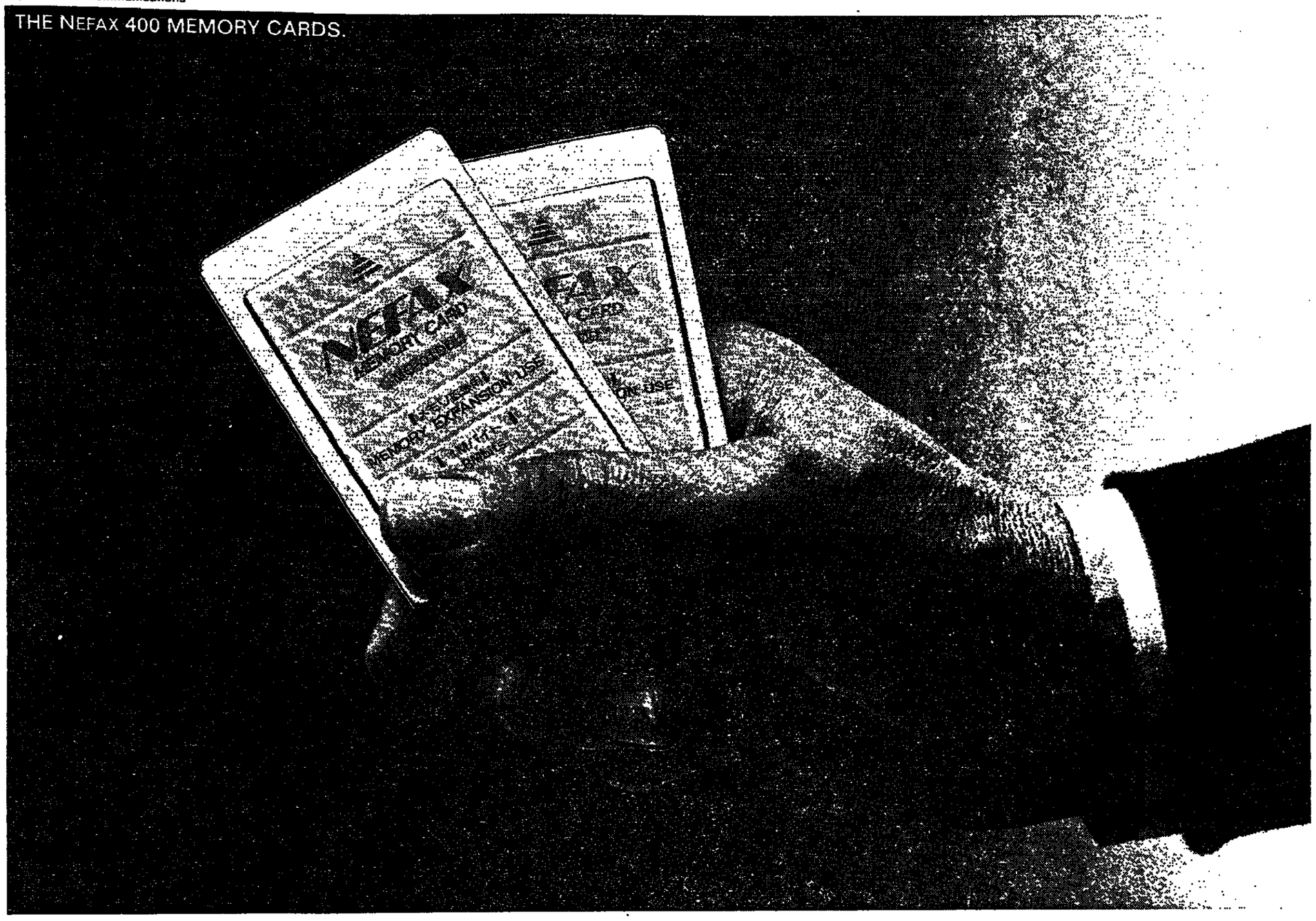
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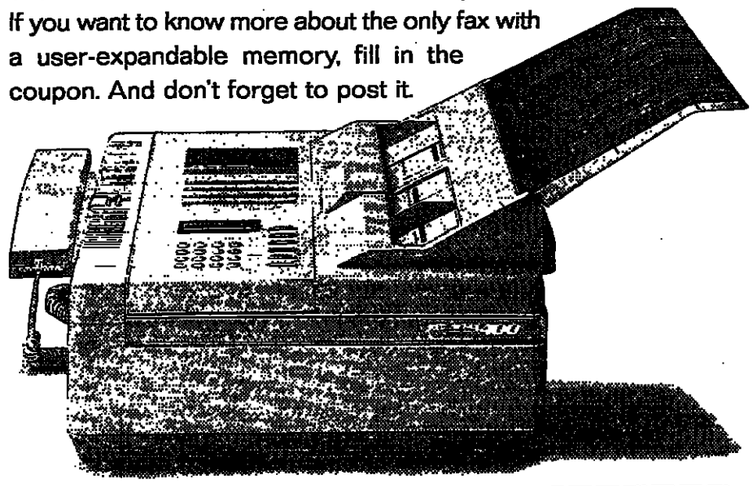
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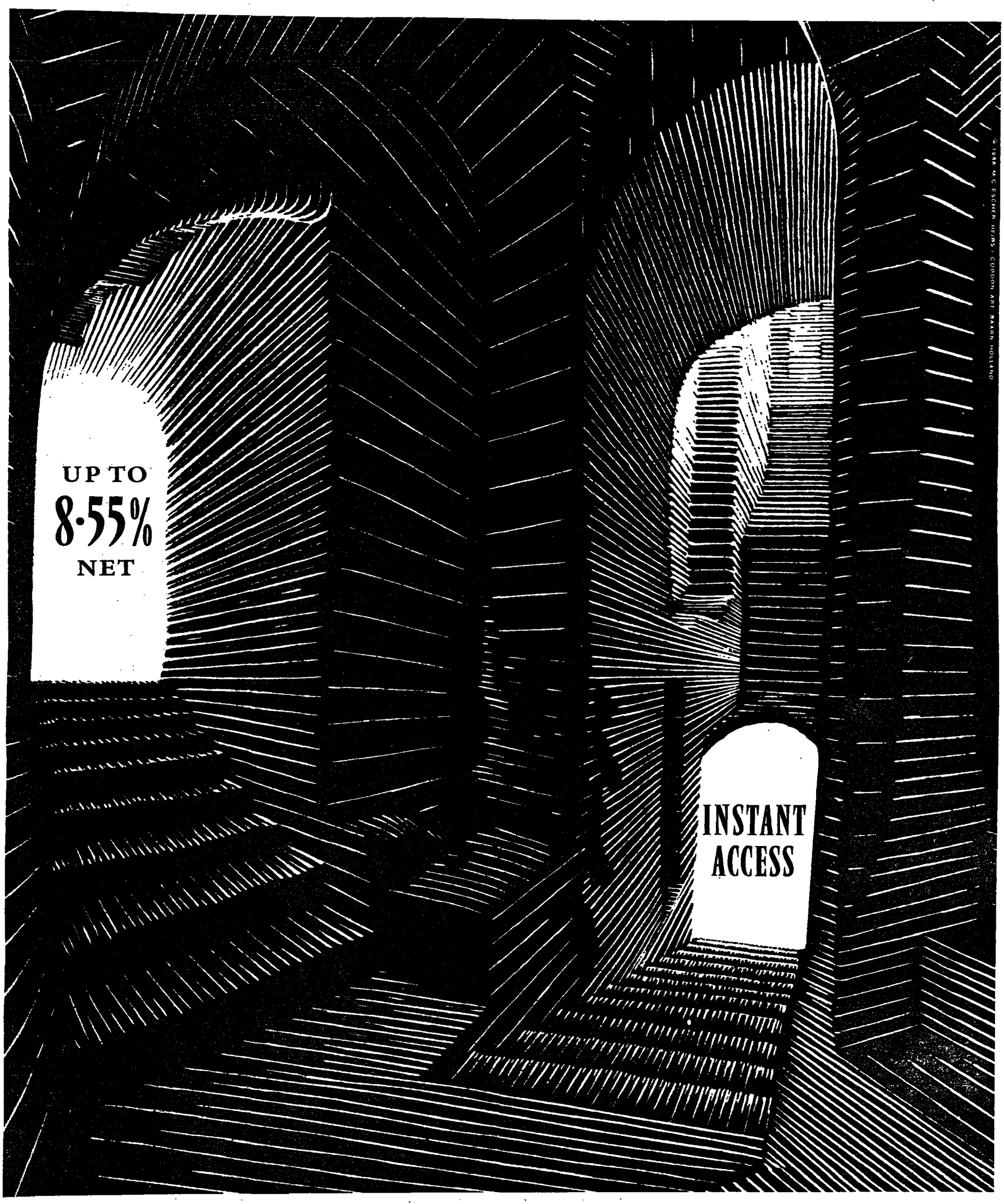
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1988 High	Low	Stock	Price	Chge	Int. only yld%	Gross Red. yld%
SHORTS (Under Five Years)						
102⅝	99⅝	Treas 11¾%	1988	99⅝		11.5 12.880
102⅝	99	Treas 10¾%	1989	99	● : :	10.5 12.451
102	98⅛	Exch 10%	1989	98⅛	: :	10.1 12.419
104⅛	94⅝	Exch 10¾%	1989	98¾	: :	10.3 11.805
103⅜	94⅛	Exch 11%	1989	98⅝	: :	11.1 12.286
97⅜	92⅝	Treas 9%	1988-89	95⅝	: :	6.2 10.908
101⅝	94	Treas C 9¾%	1989	96⅝	: :	9.8 12.703
97⅝	95⅛	Treas 3%	1989	96¾	: :	3.09 10.290
102⅝	95¼	Treas 8%	1990	96⅜	-⅛	8.2 10.534
107⅝	101⅛	Treas 13¾	1990	101¾	: :	12.8 11.492
104⅝	99	Exch 11%	1990	99⅛	: :	11.0 12.585
107⅜	100⅝	Exch 12¾%	1990	100⅝	: :	12.3 11.884
93⅝	89⅝	Treas 3%	1990	90⅝	: :	3.2 9.991
96⅛	92⅞	Treas 8¾%	1987-90	95⅝	● -⅛	8.6 11.549
103⅝	93⅞	Treas 10%	1990	97⅛	: :	10.2 11.472
91⅝	87⅞	Exch 9¾%	1990	97⅜	: :	2.8 9.529
FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS						
97¾	91	Treas 8¾%	1993	91¾	: :	9.0 10.638
109⅝	99⅜	Treas 12%	1993	99⅜	: :	10.2 10.728
119⅜	105⅝	Treas 12¾%	1993	105⅝	: :	11.6 10.634
93	85⅝	Fund 4%	1993	85⅝	-½	6.5 8.232
121⅛	107⅜	Treas 13¾%	1993	107⅜	: :	12.3 10.850
101⅝	90⅝	Treas 9%	1994	90⅝	: :	9.3 10.816
94⅝	80⅝	Treas 8½%	1994 a	80⅝	: :	
125⅝	114⅝	Treas 14½%	1994	114⅝	: :	12.6 10.766
118⅝	106⅜	Exch 13¾%	1994	106⅜	-½	11.7 10.891
114⅛	102⅝	Treas 12¾%	1995	102⅝	: :	11.2 10.931
101⅝	91⅝	Treas 9%	1994	91⅝	: :	9.8 10.622
105⅝	95⅜	Treas 9¾%	1995	97⅝	-⅛	10.2 10.622
114⅜	102⅝	Treas 12%	1995	102⅝	: :	11.7 10.751
83⅝	76	Gas 3%	1990-95	79	+⅛	3.8 9.5
106⅝	98⅝	Exch 10¾%	1995	98⅝	+⅛	10.4 10.845
120⅛	107⅝	Treas 12¾%	1995	107⅝	: :	11.5 10.813
126⅝	113⅝	Treas 14%	1996	116	: :	12.0 10.729
101⅛	90⅝	Treas 8%	1996	90⅝	: :	8.8 10.593
123⅜	110⅞	Treas 12%	1996	110⅞	: :	12.3 10.694
129⅛	116⅜	Exch 13¾%	1996	116⅜	: :	11.8 10.547
104⅝	93⅝	Conv 9%	1997	93⅝	: :	10.2 10.437
124⅛	111⅝	Treas 12¾%	1997	111⅝	: :	11.4 10.594
108⅜	97⅜	Exch 10¾%	1997	97⅜	: :	10.4 10.594
98⅜	91⅝	Treas 8%	1997	91⅝	+⅛	9.5 10.216
134⅝	119⅝	Exch 13¾%	1997	120⅝	: :	12.6 10.564
101⅛	90⅝	Treas 8%	1998	90⅝	: :	8.8 10.478
104	93⅝	Exch 10%	1998	93⅝	: :	10.6 10.578
140⅜	124⅝	Exch 13¾%	1998	130⅝	: :	11.8 10.478
118⅛	105⅞	Exch 12%	1998	110	: :	10.9 10.361
120⅛	111⅜	Exch 12¾%	1999	111⅜	: :	10.6 10.333
103⅝	90⅝	Treas 8%	1999	90⅝	: :	9.1 10.166
109⅝	98⅝	Conv 10¾%	2003	99⅝	: :	10.1 10.163
105⅝	93⅝	Treas 8%	2000	93⅝	: :	9.1 10.294
117⅝	104⅝	Exch 11¾%	2000	104⅝	: :	11.0 10.294
129⅝	115⅝	Treas 12%	2000	115⅝	: :	11.6 10.538
107	94⅝	Treas 8%	2002	94⅝	: :	9.5 9.979
118⅝	105⅝	Exch 12%	2002	105⅝	: :	11.4 10.370
109⅝	97⅝	Treas 9%	2002	97⅝	: :	9.8 9.876
OVER FIFTEEN YEARS						
108⅛	100⅛	Treas 10%	2003	100⅛	: :	9.8 9.798
121⅝	112⅝	Treas 13¾%	2000	112⅝	: :	11.2 10.347
117⅜	109⅜	Treas 11¾%	2003	109⅜	: :	10.5 10.133
108	99⅝	Treas 10%	2004	99⅝	: :	9.7 9.857
104⅝	96⅝	Treas 9¾%	2004	96⅝	: :	9.5 9.572
113⅜	105⅜	Conv 9%	2005	105⅜	: :	8.5 9.554
127⅜	117⅜	Exch 12¾%	2005	117⅜	: :	10.7 9.554
113⅝	105⅝	Exch 11%	2003	105⅝	: :	9.7 9.554
126⅝	117⅝	Treas 12%	2003	117⅝	: :	10.2 9.554
133⅝	123⅝	Conv 12%	2006	123⅝	: :	9.5 9.473
127⅛	117⅛	Treas 11¾%	2003	117⅛	: :	10.0 9.463
137⅜	126⅜	Conv 12%	2007	126⅜	: :	9.5 9.473
131⅝	121⅝	Exch 12%	2013-17	121⅝	: :	9.9 9.982
UNDATED						
44½	41	Consols 4%		41⅝	: :	9.6 —
37⅝	34⅞	War Ln 3½%		34⅞	: :	9.9 —
48⅝	45⅝	Conv 4%		45⅝	: :	8.7 —
35⅝	33⅝	Treas 3½%		33⅝	: :	10.4 —
28⅝	26	Treas 3%		26	: :	11.5 —
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124⅝	117⅝	Treas IL 2½%	1988	117⅝	: :	1.9 —
109⅝	99	Treas IL 2½%	1996	99	: :	1.9 —
142⅝	127⅝	Treas IL 2½%	2001	127⅝	: :	1.9 —
119⅝	101⅝	Treas IL 2½%	2006	101⅝	: :	1.9 —
120⅝	102⅝	Treas IL 2½%	2011	102⅝	: :	1.9 —
107⅝	90⅝	Treas IL 2½%	2016	90⅝	: :	1.9 —
109⅝	93⅝	Treas IL 2½%	2020	93⅝	: :	1.9 —
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174	5	Bankamerica						
274	184	Bank of Ireland	264	268	-2			
385	345	Bank Of Scotland	345	355		17.6	4.8	11.5
380	340	Barclays Bank	340	350	+½	17.6	4.8	8.4
40	37	Barclays Bk Wrnts	37	39				
345	340	Barclays (aa)	340	350		17.6	4.8	8.4
38	34	Beckwith (J)	34	38		2.2	5.1	15.4
355	340	Brown Shipley	340	360		14.6	4.1	12.9
71	54	Bk Montreal						
364	346	Clive Alex						
270	171	Coutts	171	181		3.7	2.1	11.4
185	111	Cyprus Mercantile	111	121				
15½	9	Discco						
206	163	Dow Bros						
811	740	Fleming Continental	740	760		67	2.5	17.8
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Acc 513.9161 .. ..
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Do Acc 69.53 73.56 -0.68 0.94
Exempt Inc 70.12 74.19 -0.04 5.10
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Financial Inc 60.05 63.54 -0.58 0.84
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Intl Growth Fd 120.2 127.2e +0.6 ..
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Intl Inc Fd 47.53 50.84e +0.13 6.16
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Chall UK Gth 34.36 25.94 +0.07 3.98
Main Expt 287.7 276.8 .. 3.98
Prec Inv Inc 57.73 72.59 +0.29 2.47
Do Acc 128.4 137.7 +0.53 2.47
UK Sel Opps 62.79 67.33 .. 0.00
Income Tste
Euro Inc 58.76 62.85e +0.23 6.36
Fxd Interest 28.86 30.89e +0.23 7.88
High Income 30.44 32.55e +0.17 5.13
Income 100.6 107.6 +0.84 5.13
Prec Fxd Int 23.86 25.12 -0.02 7.16
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Frontier Mkts 25.04 26.67 +0.15 0.67
Global 153.5 163.5 +0.88 0.49
Do Acc 145.5 155.1e +0.52 0.89
Glob Inc/Gth 68.23 72.94 -0.06 4.56
Gold Share 13.52 14.49e -0.17 0.00
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Wrldwide Opps 65.72 91.67 +0.25 1.50
Overseas Tste
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Amer Sel Opp 84.97 28.60 +0.07 0.07
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European 48.95 48.95 +0.12 0.84
Euro Sel Opp 58.19 62.90 -0.58 0.84
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Japan S/Opp 70.54 75.45e +0.66 0.00
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American Inc 58.58 60.31 +0.34 4.36
European Gth 47.56 50.47e -0.07 1.17
Gold & Mnrls 44.13 46.84 -0.27 0.73
Japan Gth 68.07 72.41e +0.28 ..
Pacific Inc 55.18 51.57 .. 3.37
Pacific Sec 55.41 58.86e -0.11 5.00
UK Inc 48.10 49.54e +1.02 5.00
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UK Spl Co 37.75 40.17e +1.46 1.88

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Income Tst 96.85 104.7 +0.76 4.46
Intl Tst 107.9 114.1 +0.4 0.28
N American 113.1 119.6 +0.77 1.64
Pacific 253.0 264.4 -0.2 0.00
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Smaller Co 295.1 307.8e +0.6 1.90
European Tst 249.4 263.9c .. 1.38

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High Income 88.22 94.92e +0.80 5.40
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Recovery 40.58 43.25 +0.10 0.60
Select 323.5 344.2e -0.8 2.18
Special Sits 272.5 288.5 +4.1 0.53
Sterling Opps 22.55 24.39 +0.19 0.00
Temp P Sm Co 262.5 274.5 .. 3.28
TRUSF 158.9 171.9e .. 0.13
Euro Gth Tst 46.62 49.42 +0.64 0.80

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One's company — by law?

A change in the law that would allow one person to set up a company has been formally requested by the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants, *writes Brian Collett*. The requirement that at least two people must form a company is a deterrent to many individuals who want to go into business, says the institute.

When the Companies Bill, now before Parliament, omitted any proposal to change the requirement, the institute made a submission to the Department of Trade and Industry. It maintains that the second person in a company is often, anyway, a friend or relative who becomes a sleeping partner.

The institute's spokesman said: "It has been a longstanding central core of our approach to the Government to try to cut through this red tape."

The European Community has recently been testing opinion on the subject, and the institute argues that the change would bring Britain into line with many European countries where one-person companies are permitted.

The institute is also asking the Department of Trade and Industry to reduce the administrative burdens on small businesses by requiring them to obtain certification for their accounts instead of having them audited annually.

Rock on for a fancied ride

By Roger Pearson

When Paul and Christine Crittenden went Christmas shopping to buy a rocking horse for their daughter Natalie three years ago, they were appalled at what they saw. "All the horses on offer looked ferocious — fierce enough to frighten a young child half to death," Mr Crittenden, aged 33, said.

Now, however, he is hard at work remedying this situation. And in the process he is carving a name for himself in the international toy market with a new breed of friendly-faced rocking horse. He has established a company to manufacture high-class rocking horses and he and his wife are now expecting a £100,000-plus turnover in their third year.

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"Him? — he deals with all the appeals!"

When he discovered he could not find a suitable rocking horse for his daughter, Mr Crittenden, who at the time was a craft lecturer at Basford Hall College, Nottingham, decided to try his hand at making one for her.

"Looking back now, that first horse was very crude," he says. "But people who saw it then starting asking if I would make horses for them. That gave me the idea of going into business manufacturing rocking horses."

He gave up his lecturing post and two years ago moved to Kent to set up his own business. Today his hand-made rocking horses sell all over the world and can be found in stores such as Harrods.

Mr Crittenden admits that the road to success for his company, Chestnuts — which is based in 900 sq ft of converted oast houses at Chilham, near Canterbury — has not been a smooth one.

The high quality of his product has helped him through the rough patches. But there were occasions early on when costly mistakes were made because he and his wife, who is also his partner in Chestnuts, lacked basic business skills and marketing knowledge.

Thousands of pounds were wasted initially on the wrong sort of advertising and an attempt to expand too rapidly nearly killed the business.

But despite the early problems, Chestnuts has now established itself as one of the major suppliers of quality rocking horses, both to the toy trade and to individual buyers. The firm's breed of rocking horses have become thoroughbred sales winners.

When it began, the business was capitalized with £2,500 left from the sale of a house and a £5,000 bank business development loan. About £2,000 went on tools and £1,500 on materials. Over the first six months a further £7,000 went on advertising.

"Advertising was our most expensive mistake," says Mr Crittenden. "It was a complete waste of time and money. We sold just two horses as a result of the early advertising. Now we do not advertise at all."

In its first year Chestnuts sold 25 horses, ranging in price from £475 to £1,800. These sales, along with some renovation work on old rocking horses, produced a £27,068 turnover. The next 12 months saw the sale of another 60 or so horses, achieving a turnover of more than double the first-year figures.

This year, with outlets like Harrods and a chain of high-class toy shops, on top of a steady flow of sales to individual customers, the forecast is that turnover will easily top £100,000. The current range starts at £225 for a glass fibre horse and rises to £2,750 for a full-sized horse, carved out of walnut.



Paul Crittenden: Outlets in high-class toy shops

Mr Crittenden says that the single worst drawback in setting up Chestnuts was lack of business skills. He had a product and the skill and facilities to produce it, but ancillary business administration was a major problem.

In the end he called on the Government's Small Firms Service for assistance and says: "To be honest they saved the business." In addition to this his wife attended business courses and now the administrative problems have been overcome. Expansion is on the cards.

But Mr Crittenden's advice to any with an idea which they believe offers entrepreneurial scope is that it is essential to ensure that they tackle the basics of running a business first.

He says he has learnt from experience that while failure to do this may not kill the business if the product is good enough, it will certainly make the road to success that much harder.

A link in place of the divide

Medium-sized and smaller businesses are expected to benefit most from a "Buy from Bradford," campaign launched in Yorkshire but with Thames Valley links. *Derek Harris writes.*

Behind the campaign are the Bradford Enterprise Agency, Bradford Chamber of Commerce and the Bradford Metropolitan District Council. The main thrust of the campaign is to secure more work for Bradford businesses in supplying goods or services to other companies in the area. The Bradford area buys £2,000 million-worth a year, of which only £400 million comes from local sources, and £300 million from West Yorkshire. About £400 million-worth comes in from abroad.

But the Bradford campaigners have also weighed up the prospects further south, where in the Thames Valley particularly, businesses are experiencing problems from skill shortages and high costs.

There are already pilot discussions involving two big Thames Valley companies taking on Bradford suppliers.

In Bradford interested businesses are interviewed by researchers to build up action files. Each business subsequently gets lists showing relevant local suppliers

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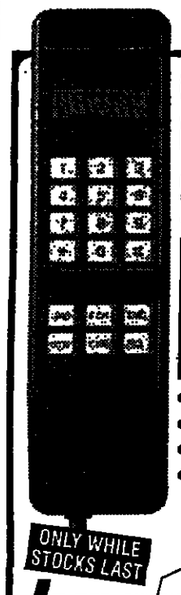
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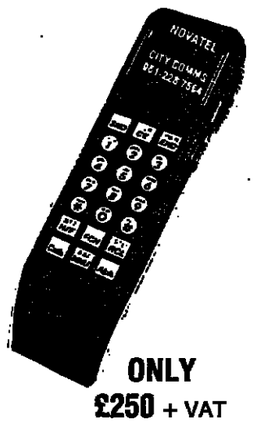
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IN PARLIAMENT
SESSION 1988-89

BRITISH RAILWAYS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that application is being made to Parliament in the present Session by the British Railways Board ("the Board") for leave to introduce a Bill under the above name or short title for purposes of which the following is a concise summary: -

1. Construction of the following works:-

In the city of Birmingham and metropolitan borough of Sandwell, West Midlands - Work No. 1 - A railway (3806 metres in length and partly in existing tunnels) at Birmingham, including the provision of access from Beason Road and Livery Street, and a widening (Work No. 1A) of the railway bridge over the Birmingham Canal, Birmingham level, at Smethwick;

In the metropolitan borough of Doncaster, South Yorkshire -
Work No 2 - A railway (660 metres in length) at Tickhill;

In the district of Ashfield and borough of Gedling, Nottinghamshire -
Work No. 3 - A railway (5325 metres in length and partly in tunnel) commencing at Kirkby in Ashfield in that district, passing through the parishes of Annesley and Felley and Newstead and terminating in the parish of Linby, including the provision of access from Grives Lane and Tilford Road;

In the city of Bristol, Avon -
Work No. 4 - A railway (500 metres in length) at the St. Philip's Marsh railway depot of the Board;

In the borough of Warrington, Cheshire -
Work No. 5 - A railway (316 metres in length) near to Warrington Bank Quay railway station;

In the borough of Stockton-on-Tees -
Work No. 6 - A railway (944 metres in length), being a deviation of the railway between Eaglescliffe and Billingham;

In the borough of Newport, Gwent -
Work No. 7 A railway (647 metres in length) at Bassaleg, including a bridge over the river Ebbw (afon Ebwy);

In the boroughs of Port Talbot, West Glamorgan, and Ogwr, Mid Glamorgan -
Work No. 8 - A railway (592 metres in length) at Cefn Cribwr, being a deviation of the Ogmore Valleys Extension railway, including a bridge over Bedford Road;

In the London borough of Greenwich -
Work No. 9 - A partial reconstruction of the tunnel at Woolwich Dockyard railway station;

In the London borough of Lewisham -
Work Nos. 10A and 10B - Widenings of railway bridges and viaducts at Lewisham High Street, and at Mill Road and the Ravensbourne River;

In the borough of Dartford, Kent -
Work No. 11 - A widening of the railway bridge over Overy Street.

2. For the purpose of the construction of Work No. 1 mentioned in paragraph 1 above, relinquishment of the power to construct certain railway works at Birmingham comprised in part of Work No. 6 authorised by the British Railways Act 1981 and all of Work No. 2 authorised by the British Railways (No. 2) Act 1984.

3. Special provisions in connection with the construction and maintenance of the proposed works, including provision of railway stations at Vyse Street. The Hawthorns and Smethwick in connection with Works Nos. 1 and 1A and the appropriation of certain works for the purposes of those works and the station at Vyse Street; power to construct and operate level crossings over Grives Lane and Tilford Road in connection with Work No. 3; to provide buildings for the repair and servicing of railway vehicles in connection with Work No. 4; to raise the level of the combined private road and public footpath linking Shutchers Lane with property at Arpley Meadows by bridging Work No. 5; and to narrow the northern footway of Belson Road, set back a retaining wall and provide platform extensions at Woolwich Dockyard railway station and at Lewisham and Dartford railway stations; and general powers respecting the permanent or temporary stoppage of roads, bridleways and footpaths, with or without substitutes, and for the appropriation of sites of certain roads, bridleways and footpaths so stopped up.

4. Power to stop up the footpath and remove the footbridge over the railway adjacent to Malton level crossing, Norton, North Yorkshire, the footpath over Tipton Watery Lane level crossing, Tipton, West Midlands, and, in the district of Ashfield, part of the footpath between Annesley and the Notts Golf Club and part of footpath No. 37a between Coxhe Hill and Kirkby in Ashfield and to provide a new footpath in place thereof; power to stop up the part of the footpath at Preston, in the boroughs of Preston and South Ribble, Lancashire, between Avenham Park and the south bank of the River Ribble carried by a footbridge over the River, relief from the obligation to maintain that footbridge and to provide a new footpath in the adjacent railway viaduct and upon the completion of a new footpath between the East Harling-Wilby road and Heath Road, Quidenham, Norfolk, to stop up Heath level crossing No. 88.

5. Power for the Board to enter into agreements with -
(a) Trafford Borough Council, concerning a level crossing to be constructed at West Timperley, Greater Manchester, and the stopping up of Singleland or Parkers crossing, including the footpath over that crossing between Sunderland Road and Sunderland Bridge;
(b) Nottinghamshire County Council, concerning a level crossing to be constructed at Basford Vernon and the stopping up of David Lane crossing;
and special provisions for the construction, operation and maintenance of those crossings.

6. Extinguishment of certain rights of way over Litsons Mill level crossing (Warrington, Cheshire) and Mill Lane level crossing (Ickleton, Cambridgeshire); and special provisions for the operation of Litsons Mill crossing.

7. Purchase of land or rights over land in the areas of the Works referred to in paragraph 1 above (including land at Birmingham for the provision of access, at the Hawthorns for the provision of the railway station referred to in Paragraph 2 above and at Woolwich Dockyard railway station for the provision of the wall back retaining wall) and also at Preston and Quidenham for the purposes referred to in paragraph 3 above; temporary possession or use of, and access over, land at Birmingham, Kirkby in Ashfield (Ashfield and Gedling) and Smethwick; special provisions as to entry and compensation and general provisions for the extinction or suspension of private rights of way over lands to be purchased or used.

8. Extension of time for the compulsory purchase of land or rights over land authorised to be purchased by the British Railways (No. 2) Act 1984 for the purpose of Work No. 1 of that Act (railway at Swinton, Rotherham).

9. To provide that the trustees and life tenants of the Cockwillan and Penrhyn estates and the Board shall not be required to maintain shrubs or ground cover on certain railway land in the district of Arfon, Gwynedd.

10. Provisions of a general nature applicable to or in consequence of the intended Act, including the incorporation or application of certain specified enactments.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that plans and sections of the intended works and plans of the land which may be purchased or used under the intended Act, with a book of reference to those plans, as affecting the following areas, have been deposited for public inspection with the appropriate officer of the area concerned as follows. -

AREA	OFFICER WITH WHOM DEPOSIT MADE
London borough of Greenwich	Chief Executive, Town Hall, Woolwich;
London borough of Lewisham	Borough Secretary & Solicitor, Town Hall, Catford;
County of Avon	Director of Administration & County Solicitor, Avon House The Haymarket, Bristol;
County of Cheshire	County Secretary & Solicitor, County Hall, Chester;
Borough of Warrington	Borough Secretary, Town Hall, Warrington;
County of Cleveland	County Secretary, Municipal Buildings, Middlesborough;
Borough of Stockton-on-Tees	Town Clerk, Municipal Buildings, Church Road, Stockton-on-Tees;
County of Gwent	Chief Executive, County Hall, Cwmbran;
Borough of Newport	Chief Executive, Civic Centre, Newport;
Community of Craig	J.E. Topkins, Clerk, Craig Community Council, Garth Field, 2 Lowndes, Bassaleg;
County of Kent	County Secretary & Administrator, County Hall, Maidstone;
Borough of Dartford	Chief Executive, Civic Centre, Home Gardens, Dartford;
County of Lancashire	Chief Executive and Clerk, County Hall, Preston;
Borough of Preston	Town Clerk, Town Hall, Preston;
Borough of South Ribble	Chief Executive and Town Clerk, Civic Centre, West Paddock, Leyland;
County of Mid Glamorgan	County Clerk and Co-ordinator, Mid Glamorgan County Hall, Cathays Park, Cardiff;
Borough of Ogwr	Chief Executive Officer, Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend;
Community of Cefn Cribwr	Councilor V. Thomas, J.P. Clerk, Cefn Cribwr Community Council, 10 Ty Isha Road, Cefn, Cribwr;
County of Norfolk	County Solicitor & Deputy Clerk, County Hall, Norwich;
District of Breckland	District Administrator, Council Offices, High Street, Attleborough;
Parish of Quidenham	Mrs F. Prior, Clerk, Quidenham Parish Council, Glenhurst Station Road, Eccles
County of Nottinghamshire	Clerk of the County Council & Chief Executive, Trent Bridge House Fox Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham;
Borough of Gedling	Borough Secretary, Civic Centre, Arnot Hill Park, Arnold, Nottingham;
Parish of Linby	Mr. Derry, Clerk, Linby Parish Council, 13 Ogle Street, Hucknall;
Parish of Newstead	Mrs. J. Williams, Clerk, Newstead Parish Council, 260 Nuncargate, Kirkby in Ashfield;
District of Ashfield	Deputy Clerk & Legal Adviser, Council Offices, Urban Road, Kirkby in Ashfield;
Parish of Annesley & Felley	Mrs. J. Williams, Clerk, Annesley and Felley Parish Council 260 Nuncargate, Kirkby in Ashfield;
County of West Glamorgan	County Clerk & Chief Executive, County Hall, Swansea;
Borough of Port Talbot	Acting Chief Executive, Civic Centre, Port Talbot;
City of Birmingham	City Solicitor, The Council House, Birmingham;
Metropolitan borough of Doncaster	Director of Legal and Administrative Services, Copley House, Waterdale, Doncaster;
Parish of Tickhill	Mr. D.A Cozens, Town Clerk, Tickhill Town Council, 1 Low Common Lane Auckenthorpe, Doncaster;
Metropolitan borough of Sandwell	Town Clerk & Chief Executive, Town Hall, West Bromwich.

In the case of Birmingham and Sandwell, similar deposits have also been made at the offices of Birmingham of the Board's London Midland Region at Stanier House, 10 Holliday Street, and of the Secretary and Solicitor of the West Midlands Passenger Transport Executive at 16 Summer Lane.
On and after 2nd December 1988 a copy of the Bill may be inspected and copies obtained at the price of 70p each at the ticket office at Dartford, Lewisham and Woolwich Arsenal railway stations; at the Board's Customer Services Department, Platform 3, Preston railway station; at the Enquiry Office at Warrington Bank Quay railway station; at the Travel Centre at Bridgend, Bristol Temple Meads, Newport High Street and Port Talbot railway stations; at the above mentioned offices in Birmingham of the Board's London Midland Region and the Secretary and Solicitor of the West Midlands Passenger Transport Executive, at the Planning and Transportation Department, Nottinghamshire County Council, Trent Bridge House, Fox Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham; at the Planning Counter in the offices of Trafford Metropolitan Borough Council, Trafford Town Hall, Talbot Road, Stretford; at the offices of the following firms of Solicitors, namely, Messrs. Cowlings, 56a High Street, Maxborough, Messrs. Fidler & Pepper, 80 Church Street, Kirkby in Ashfield, Messrs. Nicholas Daykin & Co., Connaught Lodge, Attleborough, and Messrs. Walker & Son, 48 High Street, Bawtry; at the Stockton Public Library, Church Road, Stockton-on-Tees; and at each of the undermentioned offices. -
Objection to the Bill may be made by depositing a Petition against it. If the Bill originates in the House of Commons, the latest date for depositing such a Petition in the Private Bill Office of that House will be 30th January 1989; if it originates in the House of Lords, the latest date for depositing such a Petition in the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments in that House will be 6th February 1989. Further information may be obtained from the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments, House of Lords, the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons or the undermentioned Solicitor or Parliamentary Agents.

Dated this 1st day of December 1988

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SESSION 1988-89
ASSOCIATED BRITISH PORTS (HULL)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that application is being made to Parliament in the present Session by Associated British Ports ("A.B. Ports") for leave to introduce a Bill under the above name or short title for purposes of which the following is a concise summary:-

1. To authorise A.B. Ports to construct the following works in the county of Humberside -
Partly in the city of Kingston upon Hull and partly on the bed and foreshore of the river Humber -
Work No. 1 A terminal of open construction, comprising a curved shore ramp commencing by a junction with Eastern Access Road on the Port of Hull Estate at the corner of that road situate south of the east wall of Queen Elizabeth Dock thence leading into the river Humber first south and then west through a bridge ramp and portal 75 metres in length, and there terminating.
Work No. 2 A terminal of open construction, comprising a curved shore ramp commencing at the river wall at a point 415 metres east of the south-west corner of the pumping station (situated east of the riverward end of the entrance lock to King George Dock and Queen Elizabeth Dock), thence leading first south and then west through a bridge ramp and portal 76 metres in length, and there terminating.
Work No. 3 A terminal of open construction, comprising a curved shore ramp commencing at the river wall at a point 1358 metres west of the western extremity of the Dock Master's Office (situated west of the riverward end of the said entrance lock), thence leading first south and then west through a bridge ramp and portal 75 metres in length, and there terminating.
In the city of Kingston upon Hull -
Work No. 4 A single carriageway road with car park at its riverward end, commencing at the roundabout situate 212 metres south-east of the point where Hedon Road is crossed by the Holderness Drain, thence extending first south for a distance of 461 metres and incorporating an access eastward to the Dock Estate, thence turning west and terminating at a point 18 metres north of the junction of the north wall of the river Humber with the easterly wall at the mouth of the Holderness Drain.

2. To authorise construction of the works to different descriptions, with approval of the Secretary of State, the provision of berthing and mooring dolphins at Works Nos. 1, 2 and 3 and a footbridge to the portal of each of Works Nos. 2 and 3; to provide for the diversion by footbridges of the riverside footpath near to each of those Works Nos. 1, 2 and 3; in connection with Works No. 4, to authorise the stopping up of the part of Corporation Road within the limits of land to be acquired shown on the deposited plans, and (in connection with any of the works) of any other roads, footpaths or bridleways in lands acquired within those limits; and to provide for the road forming part of Work No.4 to be opened for public use and to be maintained at the public expense.

3. To authorise dredging in connection with the works, to provide limits of jurisdiction for A.B. Ports' Dock Master at Hull in relation to those works and to apply thereto rules, regulations and byelaws for Hull Docks; and to apply for the works certain powers of enactments relative to A.B. Ports, including harbour, docks and pier undertaking works, deviating from the lines and levels of the works on the deposited plans and sections, and for lighting the works.

4. To authorise the acquisition of lands and new rights for the works and to provide for discharge of recoil improvements and interests and for extinction of private rights of way.

5. To remove all obligations as to maintenance of the landing place at the riverward end of Corporation Road, to repeal certain enactments relative thereto and to extinguish any public rights which may exist over the landing place.

6. To apply for the purposes of the Bill certain provisions of public enactments, with modifications, including the Harbours, Docks and Piers Clauses Act 1847, the Harbours Act 1964 and the Compulsory Purchase Act 1965; and to enact provisions incidental or supplementary to the foregoing.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a copy of the Bill and of the plans and sections of the proposed works, with a declaration of the land which may be acquired or used compulsorily, together with a book of reference to such plans, have been deposited for public inspection with the Director of Administration, Humberside County Council, County Hall, Beverley, HU17 9BA, and with the Town Clerk and Chief Executive, Kingston upon Hull City Council, Guildhall, Kingston upon Hull, HU1 2AA.
On and after the 2nd day of December 1988, a copy of the Bill may be inspected and copies obtained at a price of 60p each at the respective offices of the undermentioned Solicitor and Parliamentary Agents and at the office of The Port Manager, P.O. Box 1, Kingston House Tower, Bond Street, Hull, North Humberside, HU1 3ER.
Objection to the Bill may be made by depositing a Petition against it in either or both Houses of Parliament. The latest date for the deposit of such a Petition in the First House will be 6th February 1989. If the Bill originates in the House of Lords or 30th January 1989 if it originates in the House of Commons.
Further information may be obtained from the Office of the Parliaments in the House of Lords, the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons or the undermentioned Parliamentary Agents.
Dated this 25th day of November 1988
R.V. PEARCE,
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IN PARLIAMENT
SESSION 1988-89
QUEEN MARY AND WESTFIELD COLLEGE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that application has been made to Parliament in the present Session by the University of London, Queen Mary College and Westfield College for leave to introduce a Bill (hereinafter called "the Bill") under the above name or short title for purposes of which the following is a concise summary: -

1. To transfer to Queen Mary and Westfield College, University of London (hereinafter called "the College") property, rights and privileges and debts and obligations of Queen Mary College and Westfield College (hereinafter called "the existing colleges") and to provide for the dissolution of the existing colleges;
2. To enact provisions relating to existing agreements, appointments, awards, contracts, deeds, etc., the construction of bequests in favour of the existing colleges and the continued employment of staff of the existing colleges;
3. To provide for various powers or rights of the existing colleges to appoint or nominate members of certain bodies to be transferred to the College;
4. To provide for the transfer of certain Westfield College trust funds to the Westfield Trust and to confer that trust and the property representing the same from transfer to the College.
5. To make provision with respect to the administration, investment and management of certain funds relating to the College.

On and after the 2nd December 1988 a copy of the Bill may be inspected and copies thereof obtained at the price of 50p per copy at the Central Office, University of London, Senate House, Malet Street, London WC1E 7HU at the offices of the Secretary, Queen Mary College, Mile End Road, London, E1 4NS, the Secretary, Westfield College, Hampstead, London NW3 7ST and at the offices of the undermentioned Parliamentary Agents.
Objection to the Bill may be made by depositing a Petition against it in either or both Houses of Parliament. The latest date for the deposit of such a Petition in the First House will be 6th February 1989 if the Bill originates in the House of Lords or 30th January 1989 if it originates in the House of Commons.
Further information regarding the deposit of such a Petition may be obtained from either the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments, House of Lords or the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons or the undermentioned Parliamentary Agents.

Dated this 2nd day of December 1988

SHARPE PRITCHARD,
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Parliamentary Agents.

In Parliament
Session 1988-89
NEW SOUTHGATE CEMETERY AND CREMATORIUM LIMITED
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MOTORING

Edited by Daniel Ward

Steering into the Nineties

Four-wheel steering: a turn for the better or just a gimmick? asks Daniel Ward

Is it wise to have a car's rear wheels steer at the same time as the front pair? And, if it's such a good idea, why do not the likes of Mercedes and Porsche offer four-wheel steering?

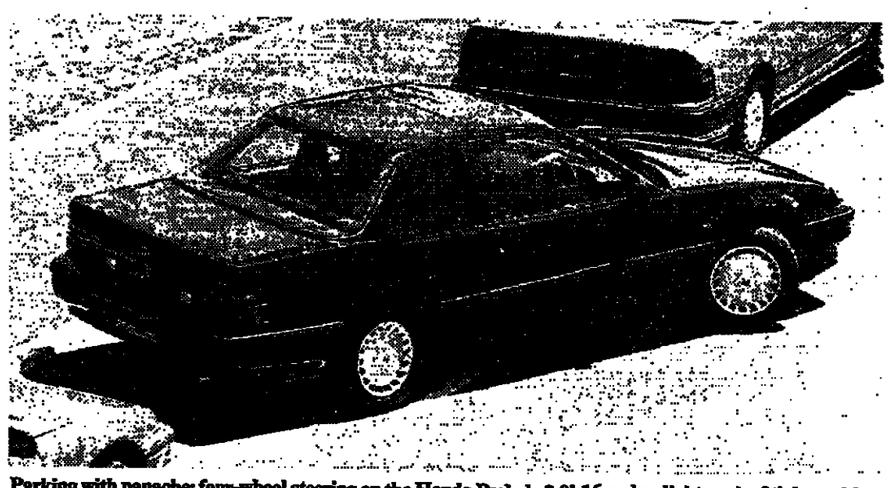
Such scepticism of a seemingly radical development in car design is not surprising; the first four-wheel-steering for production cars, introduced by Honda and Mazda a year ago, were quickly dubbed mere gimmicks by rivals.

Most manufacturers claim to have experimented with the concept — Audi did so 16 years ago — and have come to the conclusion that four-wheel steering has few advantages and many snags.

Tiny sales of cars equipped with the system underline the time it will take to convince motorists of the real benefits.

However, the mood is slowly changing and history may well reveal that the Japanese have started a major change in car engineering. Dr Wolfgang Linke, engineering director of VW, forecasts: "In the mid-1990s four-wheel steering will be essential for top level cars."

He says the benefits of the system will be improved high-speed handling and, in a swipe at the Japanese, comments: "When your chassis is excellent you can improve it with four-wheel steering." The implication is that if a car has only mediocre handling to begin with, four-wheel steering may only bring it up to the best of the conventional models.



Parking with panache: four-wheel steering on the Honda Prelude 2.0i-16 makes light work of tight parking

Even in 12 months, views among engineers have polarized. The main advantages are claimed to be a significantly reduced turning circle to aid parking and improved stability at high speed when cornering or having to swerve in an emergency.

European converts to four-wheel steering believe that the improvements at high speed are much more important than easier manoeuvreability. If a Honda or Mazda is parked close to a kerb the turned rear wheels can foul the kerb and make it hard to move away. Dr Linke adds: "At low speed the action of the tail of the car is unpredictable."

When travelling at speed, steering all four wheels means the car will react faster, and more smoothly, to small movements of the steering wheel. However, Audi engineers argue that such characteristics make it much more difficult for the driver to judge accurately when the limit of cornering adhesion is being approached. They believe it is better for the car to retain its conventional feel and handling when entering a corner.

Then, if the vehicle is travelling too fast and could spin, this is detected by electronic sensors which signal the rear wheels to provide corrective steering.

Importantly, the driver would be aware he has over-stepped the mark because he would need to turn the wheel more to maintain course, and the car would not spin.

Four-wheel steering could prove very useful for motorway driving in gusty conditions. Mercedes is researching a system whereby the car is able to sense the strength of the side wind and automaticaly steer the rear wheels to maintain an arrow-straight course.

The two Japanese systems work quite differently. In the Honda Prelude the steering gear for the rear wheels is directly linked by a shaft to the normal front-steering rack. Mazda relies on a more sophisticated electronic "brain" to control the rear wheels while the front axle is steered in the conventional way. Experts regard it as the better solution though it has fallen foul to fears of controlling a car electronically — "drive-by-wire" — and the authorities have refused to allow the Mazda to be sold on the German market.

As the Honda driver turns the steering wheel up to 140 degrees the rear wheels turn two degrees in the same direction as the front wheels. Only when the driver turns the wheel further towards full lock do the rear wheels switch to the opposite direction from the front wheels, reaching a maximum of four degrees. The theoretical disadvantage is that when turning a tight corner the rear wheels will initially steer the "wrong" way.

What of the future? It seems that four-wheel steering will turn from being a "gimmick" to "goodie" in five years.

■ For this driver, Honda's mechanically activated four-wheel steering felt like a natural solution from the very start. It may not satisfy the purist engineer, but it seemed to me to carry the double benefit of adding convenience to the business of parking and increasing security in open-road manoeuvres. The unison movement of the wheels clearly assists rapid lane-changing on motorways, making the Honda a very deft mover indeed. At parking speeds, the counter-steering effect — perhaps this is true "opposite lock" — combines with well calibrated power-steering to remove a great deal of effort. I was not so taken with Mazda's electronic system: perhaps the softer set-up of the 626 renders the benefits less obvious than they seem in the taut and generally well put-together Prelude. The 4WS Mazda proved rather less fun than its 2WS equivalent on a test track, while its performance on a special slalom course was not markedly superior. *Richard Williams*

ROADTEST



Nova GTE: the smooth-revving Astra 1.6 engine takes it to 117 mph

Go-faster hatchbacks

The Vauxhall Nova and Citroën AX hatchbacks are typecast as bland, committee-designed Euro-boxes, noted for reliability rather than appeal. But the launch of "go-faster" GT versions has subjected this duo to a surprising transformation, *writes Daniel Ward*.

Until this summer the fastest Nova was the 1.3 SRi which lacked performance and any real style or appeal. In an effort to take on the Peugeot 205 GTi, the benchmark car for this class, Vauxhall has fitted the 1.6 litre fuel-injected Astra SRi engine into the Nova.

Matched to a close-ratio gearbox, the 100 bhp engine powers the squat Nova GTE to a top speed of 117 mph, and accelerates to 60 mph in less than 9.5 seconds.

The Peugeot (£9,115) is faster but more expensive than the GTE (£8,512) whose smooth-revving engine provides excellent all-round performance. There are more refined rivals, yet the Nova feels like a real driver's car with sharp, taut handling and powerful brakes.

Supportive sports seats, well executed colour-keyed spoilers and door sills complete a unexpectedly competent machine.

Alongside the Nova, the Citroën AX GT (£7,003) looks disappointingly unprofessional. The test car boasted a mass of add-on grey plastic used to distinguish the GT from lesser variants, though these parts are now wisely colour-keyed. The interior is an odd combination of practical parcel shelves and cubby holes designed for the busy mother of three, and black shiny plastic everywhere to confer some sportiness. The seats are supportive to the point of clamping the driver's torso in place.

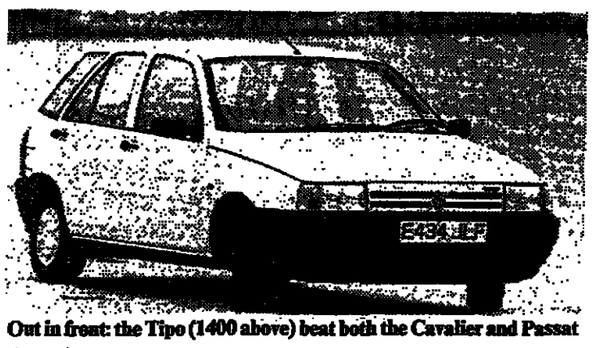
Without alloy wheels it is significantly cheaper than the Nova and this is reflected in its engine specification. The 1.4 litre unit has a power output of 85 bhp (carburettors rather than fuel injection) but such is the light weight of the AX that it can out accelerate the Nova to 60 mph (around nine seconds).

Using the superb gearbox to the full, the GT accelerates hard, yet will cruise happily and in reasonable quiet at high speed.

Any sportiness on demanding roads is blunted by vague steering, which lacks accuracy close to the straight ahead position, and the softness of the suspension.

A lack of durable solidity remains a Citroën failing and by comparison the Nova is well finished. The Citroen was designed as a cheap and effective small car and fits this role better than that of a hot hatchback.

Fiat's Tipo takes the Oscar of the car world



Out in front: the Tipo (1400 above) beat both the Cavalier and Passat

The Car of the Year award, motoring's answer to the Oscar, is reckoned to add 100,000 sales to the winning model across Europe. Yet the accolade from 58 journalists in 17 countries provides no certainty of commercial success, *writes Daniel Ward.*

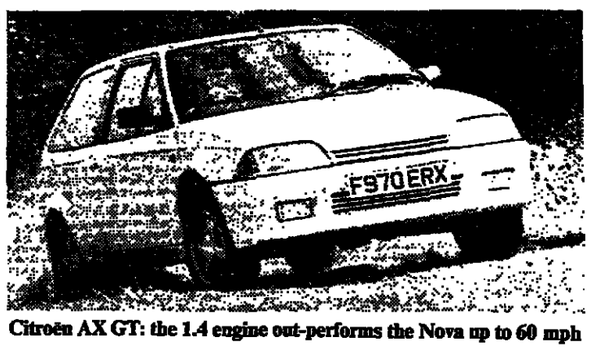
Cars such as the Renault 9 and Chrysler Horizon have won the award in the past and failed dismally on sales, while others — the Ford Escort in 1981, for example — have gone on to great success. The quirks of the award is evidenced by the VW Golf managing only a runner-up position.

When the award started 26 years ago the Rover 2000 was a worthy winner, given its role in establishing the executive car for middle managers in a car industry not used to any model bridging the gap between limousines and family cars. The Rover was followed to the winnner's rostrum by Austin's capacious 1800 model (the award has always been something of a mixed bag of models).

This year's winner is the Fiat Tipo, clearly ahead of the Vauxhall Cavalier and VW Passat. A roomy interior, striking styling and a 70 per cent galvanized body proved suitable attributes for a competition in which functionality and value for money are important. Fiat last won the award in 1984 with the clever Uno.

The BMW 5 series, Renault 19 and Alfa 164 completed the top six. Volvo should be concerned that its new mid-range 440 model managed only eighth place.

Buyers like Japanese cars, but for the moment journalists vote *en masse* for European models leaving the Honda Civic, Mitsubishi Galant, Toyota Carina II, Mazda 121 and Mitsubishi Colt Lancer effectively nowhere.



Citroën AX GT: the 1.4 engine out-performs the Nova up to 60 mph

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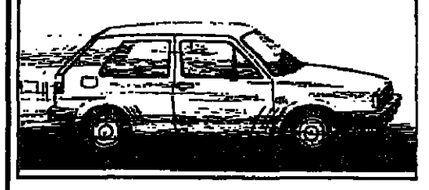
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THE ARTS 1

Samuel Beckett may have won his *Endgame*, **Diane Hill** writes, but the sounds of battle linger on

Pristine dustbins

PARIS THEATRE

A handful of days before opening night, Samuel Beckett exercised his "moral rights as an author" and let it be known that he was not in agreement with Gildas Bourdet's personalized direction of *Fin de Partie* (Endgame), or with his strawberry pink design, or with his addition of music. As a consequence, the set of this much heralded new entry into the Comédie Française's repertoire is now respectfully draped in grey dust sheets, there is no music, and Bourdet's name is no longer on the programme.

The result of this unprecedented embroilment (one that gained Beckett the public support of Fernando Arrabel, Eugène Ionesco and Arthur Miller) is an hour and fifty minutes of brain tingling "Bourkettian" theatre. Beckett's published stage directions are strictly followed but the play has a comic veneer that still bears Bourdet's brushstrokes.

Ostensibly now undirected, the cast of *Fin de Partie* come magnificently into their own. Beckett's begrudgingly subservient, shuffling, long-suffering Clov and egotistical, insecure, blind, chair-ridden Hamm are there in spirit, but they belong body and soul to Michel Aumont and Roland Bertin, who form a grotesque variety hall act, a mutant, apocalyptic Morecambe and Wise.

Hamm's aged parents, Nell and Nagg (intuitive performances from Bérengère Dautin and Jean-Paul Moulinot), take on the air of two stooges, popping out of their *pied-à-terre* dustbins, bang on cue with the feed-lines.

There are a lot more laughs than one remembers from previous productions of the play, which is a continuation of Beckett's preoccupation with the illusion of time, of characters caught in a limbo, moving towards a death that never comes. Bourdet's contentious interpretation saw it as a "shattering play about love . . . an amorous catastrophe . . .". For Bourdet, a greater disaster is that Beckett condemned the production out of hand, without seeing it.

After the recent success of *L'Eloignement* (The Distancing), Loleh Bellon's new play *Une Absence* (more accurately interpreted as Something Missing) comes over as a lukewarm affair. It follows the emotional threads of her previous six plays, the first of which was *Les Dames de Jeudi* in 1976.

In *Une Absence* the human relationships which go awry are centred round Germaine Meunier, an elderly, retired schoolteacher who collapses in her bedsitter. The action opens as she regains consciousness in hospital. Her memory is painfully jogged back into place by a cheerful chappie male nurse, the garrulous concierge who found her, an adoring ex-pupil and an obnoxious relative.

It is on to this ill-assorted quartet that Germaine projects her inner consciousness. In her head they act out the events that misshaped her life, taking on the personalities of the husband who left her and the only son, who now lives in America.

The characters on stage pass, without preamble, from the real-time of hospital life through to the remembered times in Germaine's head, a transition which Bellon manages with a verbal adroitness which is not carried through by Maurice Benichou's messy direction. Bellon wrote the play with Suzanne Flon in mind for the role of Germaine. Consequently it is tailor-made for her birdlike physical fragility, her quietly powerful dramatic presence. Despite Flon and an excellent supporting cast, however, Bellon's message about marriage is drowned by the play's low-key dramatic drabness.

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A mutant, apocalyptic Morecambe and Wise: Roland Bertin (left) and Michel Aumont as Clov and Hamm

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The impression at this performance was of a man who was trying too hard. A three-hour show, including 30 minutes of blatantly scheduled "encores", was far too long and seemed something of a conceit for an act which boasts no hit records on either side of the Atlantic.

The pudding was systematically over-egged throughout. A feat of logistical planning was required before each number could begin as nearly everyone on stage changed instruments (sometimes there were up to four people playing guitar). Earle introduced some of the songs with rambling discourses, usually about himself: how he had been born in San Antonio, moved to Houston and then to Nashville where he had become a production-line songwriter. The parallels with a Springsteen show were unmistakable and intentional, but Earle's lack of magnetism left him suffering from the comparison.

Nothing was said about his recent incarnation as a doyen of the New Country marketing exercise. For, with a disconcertingly chameleon-like case, Earle has now become a born-again rocker. In his black shirt and trousers, his long, lank hair ill-contained by a black headband, he looked like a refugee from Motorhead, an impression confirmed by the heavy metal iconography of the skull and crossbones motif which comprised the backdrop.

Despite such over-ambitious and stylistically confused pretensions, the makings of a great show were there to be distilled. His acoustic roots continued to run deep and strong on "My Old Friend The Blues" (he paid tribute to the Proclaimers' version) and "The Devil's Right Hand". His croaky, distinctively Southern singing style was the perfect vehicle for country rock gems like "San Antonio Girl" and "Guitar Town", and with his new single "Johnny Come Lately" he achieved a genuinely fresh fusion of country, folk and rock.

He introduced "Snake Oil", he with some clichés concerning the similarities between showbusiness and politics, and concluded that with a band as good as the Dukes behind him he could sell us anything. The individual playing was indeed of a fine order, particularly that of the light fingered keyboardist Ken Moore, but that did not prevent a steady drift towards the exit well before the listless finale of "It's All Up To You".

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THE ARTS 2

TELEVISION

Soldiers' disarming gallantry

The current obsession of *40 Minutes* (BBC2) with women in uniform might raise eyebrows, were the series not edited by that pillar of probity, Edward Mirzoeff. A fortnight ago we met a handful of doughty WPCs going about their lawful business in Birmingham; last night it was the turn of lady soldiers in Northern Ireland.

The Ulster Defence Regiment is the only unit in the British Army where women assume an equal role with men, and their equality consists of taking the same risks but without benefit of weaponry. From the outside this looks patronizing enough; in practice it obliges each soldieress to lean on the arms of an accompanying moustache.

The claim by one such lance-corporal that in battledress she might as well be a bloke was a special case of wishful thinking. In a sniper's cross-hairs the woman is readily identifiable as the one without the rifle.

But perhaps everything in Ulster is a special case. A colour sergeant shown demonstrating to her fellow "greenfinches" the art of removing a handgun taped to a suspect's thigh without muddying the fingerprints would, one assumes, have different duties in Colchester or Aldershot. Women soldiers in the province are routinely employed for this purpose, a vital role on a level, say, with that of sniffer dogs.

The three females interviewed had little resentment to offer on this score, and no instances of male prejudice. As with the earlier film on WPCs, one waited in vain to hear the men's side of the story.

Since the sexes resolutely ignored each other on camera, there was no clue as to how their relationship works. "Most Ulstermen are chauvinistic" is doubtless fair comment, but the chief question that exercised the female subjects was the unpardonable leniency of the courts.

Martin Cropper

David Robinson on a festival which shows the experimental boldness of film-making pioneers, 1910-1920

Eloquence of silence

Traditionally the cinema was the art without a past. Before art, of course, it was industry – and an industry to which the obsolescence of its product was more than usually vital. Added to the industry's vested interest in obliterating old product to make way for the new was the extreme vulnerability of film stock to destruction and decay of one sort or another.

All this has changed in recent times. Television revealed the vitality and profitability of films half a century old and more. Eight years ago the resurrection of *Napoleon* stimulated a new movement of reclamation and restoration of old films, as well as a world-wide passion for orchestral performances of silent films. Film history became a fashion for amateurs as well as academics. The cinema began to find its past again.

Since 1982 the world focus of all this activity has been the annual festival of silent cinema – the *Giornate del Cinema Muto* – in Pordenone, where an ever-growing number of enthusiasts and experts – this year there were around 500 – gather to view the movie art of the past in strenuous, day-long, 15-hour sessions.

Pordenone is a small town in Friuli, between Venice and Trieste, with a picturesque old centre of arcaded streets and an ugly suburban spread dominated by the Zanussi factories. Zanussi, which might have been expected to support the festival, keep their distance – perhaps recognizing that they too represent an industry whose interest lies in the rapid obsolescence of its product. The event is modestly subsidized by official regional and national cultural and tourist bodies. Its vitality and glamour are mostly due to the voluntary efforts of the very young enthusiasts who organize it.

For all the academic distinction of its participants, Pordenone is an exceptionally jolly and enjoyable event, simply because the films themselves were made to give pleasure, and still, seen on their own terms, mostly do so. Pordenone had, for example, rediscovered in the vaults of the Czech Film Archive *Hell Bent*, a Western made by John Ford in 1918 when he was 23. Fast-moving and hugely entertaining, the qualities of the later great Ford westerns were already evident – an ability to shift from robust comedy and endearing human touches to scenes of breathtaking spectacle.



Golden girl of the early western: a still from John Ford's 1918 *Hell Bent*, rediscovered in Czechoslovakia

The programme this year concentrated on Hollywood cinema between 1910 and 1920, one of the least known periods of film history, and yet, as Pordenone demonstrated, one of the most formative. It was a period of rapid expansion in the film business, which witnessed the creation of Hollywood, the building of great picture palaces, and the change-over from little one-reel comedies and dramas to the full-length "feature" film.

It is revealed also as a period of bold experiments in visual and narrative styles. Most of the people were young – many to become major Hollywood figures in the next decade – and were game to try everything. The best of the films still stand up as entertainment: movies, it seems, have learnt little new in the 70 years since the First World War.

A famous "sensational" film of 1913, *Traffic in Souls*, about the white slave traffic in New York, turns out to be a very effective police thriller, given added spice since real New York cops play their own roles. Maurice Tourneur's *A Girl's Folly* provides a wonderfully satirical picture of life in a film studio of 1917 – showing that the pretensions and vanities have changed little.

It is interesting to glimpse the qualities that made great reputations. *When the Clouds Roll By*, a crazy comedy about a young man obsessed by superstitions, makes us understand what Douglas Fairbanks's contemporaries meant when they talked of the "tonic" virtues of his acrobatic acting. It is harder to retrieve the qualities of a voiceless Sarah Bernhardt; but one moment in the over-upholstered *Queen Elizabeth* (1912) indicates something of her magic: as she watches the execution procession of Essex pass her window, she stands, her hands arrested in mid-motion, frozen in a stillness that is still eerie.

Technically, too, these films had little to learn. A print of a 1910 Italian film of *Salome* – rediscovered in London by Anthony Saffrey of Filmsearch – is exquisitely coloured by a stencil process. The tricks and special effects of Maurice Tourneur's 1918 version of Maeterlinck's *The Blue Bird* are as magical as they are beautiful.

Tourneur (1876-1961) was the director specially featured in this year's festival. Born in France (his real name was Maurice Thomas) he worked as assistant to Rodin and Puvis de Chavannes before drifting into films. In America he was put in charge of a studio at Fort Lee, where French emigrés, including the great art director Ben Carré (the current stage productions pays homage to Carré's designs for the first *Phantom of the Opera*), predominated.

Tourneur brought to the early American film a strong conviction of the paramount importance of beauty. His films were designed, lit and composed in a deliberate search for aesthetic effect. Some of them, like *Trilby* and *Prunella* (from the musical play by Granville Barker and Laurence Housman: Tourneur had a penchant for literary adaptation), have a fascinating period style: others, like his *Last of the Mohicans*, are visually superb by any standard.

One of Pordenone's special delights is its live musical presentations. This year an American musicologist, Gillian Anderson, conducted the original 1920 score for D.W.Griffith's *Way Down East*. The musical compilation was often, by present standards, kitsch; but there was inescapable excitement in seeing an authentic performance as the first audiences saw the film. Another woman musician, the Rumanian emigrée Violeta Dinescu, conducted her own original and inventive accompaniment to F.W. Murnau's classic *Tabu*.

British musicians figured prominently in Pordenone, alongside the phenomenal resident pianist Carlo Moser, who frequently plays non-stop for periods of 10 or 12 hours without losing his exceptional sense of synchronization. Not a little of the success of *When the Clouds Roll By* was due to the spirited improvisation of Richard McLaughlin's Cine Chimera group. *Traffic in Souls* and *A Girl's Folly* had live accompaniments by Adrian Johnson's one-man orchestra. Johnson, like Moser and McLaughlin, is a musician whose skills in silent film accompaniment are rapidly gaining international reputation.

CONCERTS

Baffled by him

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Schoenberg wrote of "Brahms the progressive"; here, alongside two Brahms rarities, we heard the work of "Schoenberg the regressive".The question that came to mind frequently, during the Second Chamber Symphony and even more during the dreadful Suite for Strings, was "what on earth did he think he was doing?" In the early key-oriented works, the shifts from tonality through ambiguity to atonality and back are often dynamic, creating enormous tension.

Similarly baffling are his attempts in the Suite at diatonic tunes. An unnamed wit referred to Schoenberg Orchestral Variations as "Brahms with the wrong notes"; the Suite could equally be the 12-tone Schoenberg with the notes "corrected" by an unimaginative academician. The results are bizarre or, more often, stultifyingly artificial. They were given determined, if not deeply enthusiastic performances by Jane Glover and her London Mozart Players.

It was a relief to turn to the much earlier "Song of the Wood Dove", in Schoenberg's own reduced arrangement. Mezzo-soprano Elizabeth Lawrence begun a little hesitantly, with some of the tenseness and mannerism that marred the early stages of Brahms's Alto Rhapsody still apparent. But she built to a terrifying cry at the climactic vision of death. Fine singing from the gentlemen of the London Choral Society enriched the concluding section of the Alto Rhapsody.

Stephen Johnson

Alkan Centenary
Purcell Room

Not many people are devotees of Charles-Valentin Alkan's music, but the fans gathered on Wednesday to mark the centenary of the reclusive Parisian's death and the 175th anniversary (to the day) of his birth. Excitement is not quite the word, but there was certainly an air of necrophiliac expectation as we awaited the British première of his *Funeral March on the Death of a Parrot*.

Alkan used to be remembered as the composer who died when a bookcase fell on him (not true). There are still plenty of good mysteries about his life. Where did he disappear to for 20 years? Why did he suddenly renounce his glittering career as a piano virtuoso? What is the truth about his illegitimate son?

The music is eccentric enough. The *Funeral March*, for instance, is scored for three weirdly swirling oboes and a bassoon, accompanying a choir (the Kentish Opera Singers, under Mark Fitz-Gerald) which sings only the enigmatic words: "As-tu déjeuné, Jaco? Et de quoi? Ah." It is like a clumsily-executed caricature of Berlioz in a macabre mood.

An epic *Sonate de Concert*, heroically attempted by the cellist Christopher Bunting and the pianist Ronald Smith, is superficially more conventional, especially in its energetic, Beethovenian developments. Yet even this has one of the most frantic and bizarre finales in the chamber repertoire.

We also heard British premieres of Alkan's *Benedictus* and *Impromptu sur le choral de Luther*, both originally written for pedal-piano. Since pedal-pianos died out about the same time as Alkan's parrot, these massively-textured contrapuntal exercises were ably delivered on two pianos by Caroline Clemmow and Anthony Goldstone.

Richard Morrison

Lively, credible action

DANCE

London City Ballet
Churchill, Bromley

After three new productions given by London City Ballet at Bromley this week, it is *Swan Lake*, the most ambitious, that proves most successful and shows the company at its best.

The two shorter pieces are both whole-heartedly danced, but Marguerite Porter's choreography for *The Garden of Eros*, is bland in its fluency, leaving the dancers to tell its slight story by heavy attitudinizing between the over decorative steps. With its music by Lekeu (his violin sonata) and splashy setting by Robert Heindel, it has an old fashioned feeling to it.

Frank Staff's *Transfigured Night* dates from 20 or more years ago, although new to Britain. Its story of family obsessions leading to murder is intensely told, although Antony Tudor (Staff's obvious choreographed model) got a lot more detail into his more sophisticated ballet to this same Schoenberg score.

The *Swan Lake* has been produced by Patrice Bart after the version which Vladimir Bourmeister mounted in Paris in the 1950s. In its time this serious rethinking of the traditional ballet was a great revelation, and many of its ideas have been taken over by subsequent producers: the building up of Rothbart's share in the action, the prologue showing how he turned Odette into a swan, the more dramatic treatment of storm and conflict in the final scene.

It provides a very creditable alternative to the productions offered by the larger British companies, and Bart has adapted it well to the resources of this small company. He is helped by Peter Cazalet's handsome designs, sombre but rich settings and attractive costumes.

Particularly successful is the way the stage is suddenly filled with a flood in the last scene, nearly overwhelming Siegfried before love finally triumphs over evil and Odette is restored to him in human form.

The dancing is more notable for its total effect than any individual performance, except perhaps Paul Watson's sprightly and unusually sympathetic gesture. Everyone in the company seems committed to making the action lively and credible. Jane Sanig on Wednesday made a tremblingly innocent Odette and gloating Odile. Derek Deane, a guest from the Royal Ballet was a somewhat stolid Siegfried. I wonder why Bourmeister gave his hero such bad manners in the opening scene and whether other casts will find a different nuance to explain this.

John Percival

Passionate for freedom

THEATRE

The Churchill Play
Barbican Theatre

DONALD COOPER



Play-acting prisoners: Phil Daniels (left) argues with Colin Welland

When it first appeared in 1974, Howard Brenton's play packed a double punch: as an assault on a sacred national myth, and as the dark vision of a British gulag archipelago. The play correctly forecast the miners' strike and the election of a hard right government. Since then we have moved perceptibly closer to the world of "Churchill Camp", at least in its crackdown on the freedom of expression. The play fully deserves its first and long overdue main stage RSC showing.

Unfolding in the epic space of a disused hangar (magnificently designed by Kit Surrey), Barry Kyle's production proves its undiminished theatrical impact. The opening scene of Churchill's awakening from the dead, followed by the revelation that he is an actor rehearsing a prison show, is one of the great moments in post-war drama. Here, as throughout the production, Kyle supports the imaginative extremities of the writing with the most down-to-earth military and diplomatic detail.

What has been lost is the play's prophetic quality. As a political dramatist, Brenton is apt to launch an argument and then foreclose it with gut reactions: a process further exposed by the rewriting of the new text. In updating the piece to the 1990s, his only new state victims are vandals, industrial occupationists, and those who cheat on British Telecom. They stand for no particular disruptive element; and even those who do are oddly aligned.

Irish Mike (Phil Daniels) declares he was a union man – "I had dignity" – and expects to be taken seriously. But set that against the line of the former skinhead Sergeant Baxter (Geoffrey Freshwater) who recalls beating up pub victims to gain respect, for which we are invited to see him as a walking embodiment of the British plague.

Now that freedom of speech has become the central issue, the plot itself rests on a central contradiction, namely that a camp where troublemakers are unceremoniously done away with would allow the inmates to put on a seditious show about a national hero for the entertainment of a parliamentary committee.

Emotionally the piece rings with generous and authentic passion; and when Colin Welland, as an imprisoned editor, speaks of lost freedom, he carries as much weight as when declaiming Churchill's victory speech.

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GOLF: LEADING LIGHTS OVERSHADOWED IN BICENTENNIAL CLASSIC WHILE ANOTHER POWER STRUGGLE GOES PUBLIC

Couples establishes a slender lead with flawless round

From Mitchell Platts
Golf Correspondent
Melbourne

They came to praise Jack Nicklaus and Greg Norman but, as the Bicentennial Classic began here on the delightful Royal Melbourne course, it was Fred Couples who won over the crowd of 18,000.

Couples began with a 66, compiled with technical brilliance and a smattering of good fortune, to take a one-shot lead over Mike Colandro, a lesser known American, and Jumbo Ozaki, of Japan. Nicklaus, despite being two under par after five holes, eventually put his signature to a 75 and Norman took 73.

This was an important day in the history of Australian golf. A new tournament, with a record first prize of £250,000, had been spawned by the bicentennial celebrations. David Inglis, the inspiration behind it, was justifiably proud. He is eager to make the Bicentennial Classic an annual affair; however, on a beautifully clear day a shadow of doubt was cast over the event.

It would appear that Mark McCormack's International Management Group (IMG) has a vested interest in the future of the Classic. It stems from Inglis selling to Frank Williams, his previous partner, the Australian Masters, which together they masterminded and organized. Williams subsequently sold the event to IMG, for which he now works.

The confusion arises from a clause in Inglis's sale agreement with Williams. James Erskine, a vice-president of IMG, said: "There is a five-year moratorium on David Inglis holding another tournament within a 50-kilometre radius of Melbourne."

Inglis, however, remains defiant. "The Classic will be played here next year," he said. "We are prepared to go to court on that. The contract which I signed was with Frank Williams, not IMG, and he has already verbally released me from that clause in the contract.

"I only want to run this one tournament in Australia whereas IMG want the entire Tour. I understand that only two days ago they acquired the New South Wales Open and they already have the Australian Open, the Australian Masters, the Australian Skins and the Test Match. You don't have to be Einstein to recognize they want to take over Australian golf."

The pity is that there should be a dispute in the first place and that it should be made public at the time when the tournament is taking place. It is a matter of pure conjecture which party will win, if any, or whether or not it will be resolved in the courtrooms. What must concern all connected with the game is that once again there appears to be a political undercurrent which golf could do well without.

All of which is no concern of Couples. He is eager only to gain a victory which is becoming increasingly elusive. In eight years as a professional, he has won on only three occasions and not once outside of his native United States, where in 1984 he enjoyed his finest moment by claiming the Tournament Players' Championship.

Couples, aged 29, has on occasions given the impression that he lacks interest. Nothing could be further from the truth. He is an enthusiast of the game, a great competitor, and he has a profound understanding of what it is all about. "The British Open is what I really want to win more than anything else," he said. "It can be windy at that Championship, it can be wet but I really enjoy it. It's different. It has everything."

Couples had six birdies in a flawless round which included sinking a bunker shot of 20 yards at the 18th. Norman was unhappy with the pass of the greens, observing that they were not a slick as normal, but Ronan Rafferty, who took 70, was insistent that they were as fast as was necessary. Howard Clark also took 70 but Gordon Brand jnr had 74.

Card of course

Hole	Yds	Par	Hole	Yds	Par
1	425	4	10	457	4
2	475	5	11	441	4
3	335	4	12	435	4
4	442	4	13	356	4
5	177	3	14	490	5
6	430	4	15	385	4
7	148	3	16	202	3
8	306	4	17	561	5
9	457	4	18	434	4
Out	3,195	35	In	3,771	37
Total yardage: 6,966				Par: 72	

FIRST ROUND (Australian unless stated): 66: F Couples (US). 67: M Colandro (US), J Ozaki (Japan). 68: B Crenshaw (US), P Senior, R Davis. 69: J Benepe (US), H Irwin (US) 70: C Stadler (US), S Verplank (US), H Clark (GB), B Ogle, R Rafferty (GB), B Hughes, I Baker-Finch, H Meshaki (Japan), G Marsh. 71: C Parry, M Reid (US), D Pohl (US), P Foley, S Simpson (US), M McCumber (US) 72: S Elkington, K Trimble, J Cook (US), J Sluman (US), P Fowler, M Harwood. 73: G Norman, L Smith, D Graham, R Mackay. Other British score: 74: G Brand jnr.

Woosnam five strokes adrift of Americans

Bophuthatswana (Agencies) — Ian Woosnam, who capped his record-breaking feats of 1987 by winning the Sun City $1 million challenge here, is already struggling in defence of his title.

His opening round of 72 left him five strokes behind the Americans, Ken Green and Don Pooley, who are four strokes clear of David Frost (South Africa) and Mark McNulty (Zimbabwe) in the race for golf's biggest individual pay-day.

Pooley was threatening to spreadeagle the field and beat the course record of 65, held by Severiano Ballesteros, when he completed the first nine holes in 31. But as threatened rain finally arrived, he dropped shots at the 15th and 18th holes. "Nothing was going wrong until the rains came, then I had trouble," Pooley said.

Green started with seven consecutive pars but a birdie at the eighth hole and an eagle at the ninth were the making of his score.

Sharing fifth place with Woosnam, who turned in 36 and birdied the last to avoid dropping a stroke, is another South African, Fulton Allem.

Chip Beck, second in the American money list, could do no better than a 74, which put him two strokes ahead of the eighth and final competitor, Bernhard Langer, who had to take a penalty drop at the fifth and drove into water at the ninth.

FIRST ROUND SCORES: 67: K Green (US), D Pooley (US). 71: M McNulty (SA), D Frost (SA). 72: F Allem (SA), I Woosnam (GB). 74: C Beck (US). 76: B Langar (WG).



Eyes down: Ozaki, of Japan, studies a putt during the Bicentennial Classic yesterday

RUGBY LEAGUE

Centre aims for excellence

By Keith Macklin

"Centre of excellence" sounds bold, and when the first such rugby league establishment opened in the industrial town of Leigh yesterday, Maurice Oldroyd, the national administrator of the British Amateur Rugby League Association, was at pains to justify such fulsome words.

Surveying the three pitches, one floodlit to league standards and one for mini-rugby, Oldroyd said: "This centre will bring the outstanding young athletes from all parts of the country to receive top-class coaching which will develop their natural abilities and skills and make them first-class sportsmen in every sense of the word."

The centre owes its creation and existence to two local authorities. The former Greater Manchester council provided the initial grant of nearly £250,000, and the centre will be run and funded by Wigan Metropolitan Borough Council, which includes Wigan's neighbouring and rival town of Leigh in its administration area.

The centre of excellence realizes a dream for Maurice Oldroyd and BARLA officials, and its importance in rugby league can be gauged by the fact that at yesterday's opening ceremony were luminaries including Bob Ashby, the chairman of the board of directors of the Rugby League, and two members of the parliamentary group of MPs, Roger Stott, of Wigan, and Lawrence Cunliffe, of Leigh.

The young players who come to the centre will get the best possible coaching. The staff will be headed by Phil Larder, the Rugby League's national director of coaching, and an experienced team of area coaches. The centre will be administered by Dennis McHugh, the development officer for Rugby League of Wigan Metropolitan Borough Council.

The guests were taken on a conducted tour of the centre, part of which was formerly a sports ground belonging to British Insulated Callender's Cables. In addition to the three pitches, there is a fully-equipped modern gymnasium and weight training room, four dressing rooms, a medical centre, bathrooms and a sauna.

Professional sides have already used the Leigh centre in anticipation of yesterday's official opening, the most distinguished being Malcolm Reilly's Great Britain tourists before they set off to Australasia last summer.

Before the establishment of the Leigh venture, Carnegie College, in Leeds, was used as the main training centre, and the centre of excellence has used the outstanding features of Carnegie as models. Maurice Oldroyd cited three youngsters who had passed through Carnegie, Ellery Hanley, Garry Schofield and Andy Gregory, and said: "That is the sort of world-class player we will continue to produce."

YACHTING

Defeat of Gilmour buoys the hopes for Warden Owen

By Barry Pickthall

Buoyed by their success against Peter Gilmour, of Australia, in the finals of the Nippon Cup match-race championship in Japan, Eddie Warden Owen and his Gold Plus crew travel to Perth at the weekend with high hopes of winning the world championship.

Their 2-0 win marked the second victory in a row over Gilmour, who swept all before him during earlier rounds of the grand prix circuit.

Racing purpose-built, 36-foot Bruce Farr designs, the two rivals also face strong challenges from Chris Dickson, of New Zealand, and Rod Davis and John Kolius, from the United States.

Another skipper determined to do well is Tim Law, who drew one of the wild card entries. He has teamed up with his brother, Chris, in a late challenge thanks to his colleagues at Lloyds. They have underwritten the £6,000 travel costs and are banking on a return from a share of the $25,000 prize-money.

Marina challenge

George Walker, who plays host this weekend to the Route of Discovery transatlantic racers at his Porto Sherry marina, near Cádiz, is backing plans for an ocean race in alternate years to the Fastnet classic.

The 1,100-mile event will cross the Bay of Biscay, linking Brent Walker's two marinas. It will be organized by the Royal Ocean Racing Club and start from Brighton in July 1990.

Long measure

New Zealand's rival Whitbread Round the World Race skippers, Peter Blake and Grant Dalton, are angry at the decision by the Offshore Racing Council (ORC) to close the loophole that provides a significant rating advantage for yachts checked by the newly adopted machine measurement system.

Dalton's 80-foot maxi, Fisher and Pykell, has been forced to withdraw from the Sydney to Hobart race at the end of the month, and Blake's 85-foot fractional ketch-rigged Steinlager II is expected to measure a foot over the limit when it is launched on December 18.

Rear-Admiral Charles Wilson, chairman of the race, which is organized by the Royal Navy Sailing Association (RNSA), has written to the ORC asking it to postpone implementation of its rule and to return to the more accurate manual measurement for a further year.

If not, the New Zealanders, sensing victory in their battle against San Diego over the America's Cup, have threatened to take the RNSA and the ORC to court.

Parting shots

Frank V Snyder, Commodore of the New York Yacht Club, has hit back at San Diego's claim that the former America's Cup holders have involved themselves in the court battle only to allow themselves the chance of trying to win the cup back.

In an affidavit to Judge Carmen Ciparick before she brought a close to evidence on Wednesday, Snyder wrote that his club denies and resents San Diego's inference that they have an axe to grind.

Snyder's parting shot was: "If San Diego's purported defence was improper, as the New York Yacht Club maintains, then I know of no other resolution than to award the cup to New Zealand by default."

CYCLING

Roche goes for treble

By Peter Bryan

Stephen Roche, recovered from the knee injury which kept him out of competition for much of the season, has set his sights high for next year.

His racing programme will be built around repeating one of cycling's rare triple victories — the tours of Italy and France and the World Professional Road Race — which he achieved in 1987.

After months of uncertainty, the Irishman remains with his sponsors, the Spanish Fagor company, but he will be without Malcolm Elliott and Sean Yates, both racing in new colours next year. The squad's third Briton, Robert Millar, has still to reveal his plans for 1989.

On his way to Killarney yesterday to compete in the two-day Lakes car rally, Roche said that he was "a little disappointed" that his compatriot, the world No. 1, Sean Kelly, was unlikely to be joining him at Fagor. "But Sean has his reasons; we just have to accept that," Roche said.

Roche was also keen to have the American, Greg Lemond, the former world champion and Tour de France winner, in his team but Fagor did not agree.

Roche has been invited to contest the Tour of the Americas next year but has not yet accepted because it clashes with races in Spain.

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Reasonable to expect child to be accompanied

Regina v Devon County Council, Ex parte George

Before Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Brandon of Oakbrook, Lord Oliver of Aylmerton, Lord Goff of Chieveley and Lord Lowry

[Speeches December 1]

A local education authority had been entitled to refuse free transport to and from school for a boy aged nine who lived 2.8 miles away. The authority had been entitled to conclude that it was reasonably practicable for the boy to be accompanied and to take that into account in reaching its decision.

The House of Lords allowed an appeal by the authority from the Court of Appeal (Lord Donaldson of Lymington, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Parker and Lord Justice Taylor) (*The Times* March 22; [1988] 3 WLR 49) who had reversed the decision of Mr Justice Mann dismissing an application by the boy, Christopher Noel George (by his stepfather and next friend Mr Paul George), for judicial review of the authority's decision.

The Education Act 1944 provides by section 36: "It shall be the duty of the parent of every child of compulsory school age to cause him to receive efficient full-time education . . . by regular attendance at school or otherwise."

By section 39: "(1) If any child of compulsory school age who is a registered pupil at a school fails to attend regularly . . . the parent . . . shall be guilty of an offence. . .

"(2) . . . the child shall not be deemed to have failed to attend regularly . . . (c) if the parent proves that the school . . . is not within walking distance of the child's home, and that no suitable arrangements have been made by the local education authority . . . for his transport to and from the school. . .

"(5) . . . 'walking distance' means, in relation to a child who has not attained the age of eight years two miles, and in the case of any other child three miles, measured by the nearest available route."

By section 55: "(1) A local education authority shall make such arrangements for the provision of transport and otherwise as they consider necessary . . . for the purpose of facilitating the attendance of pupils at schools . . . and any transport provided in pursuance of such arrangements shall be provided free of charge.

"(2) A local education authority may pay the whole or any part, as the authority think fit, of the reasonable travelling expenses of any pupil . . . for whose transport no arrangements are made under this section.

"(3) In considering whether or not they are required by subsection (1) above to make arrangements in relation to a particular pupil, the local education authority shall have regard (amongst other things) to the age of the pupil and the nature of the route, or alternative routes, which he could reasonably be expected to take."

(Section 55(2) was amended by section 11 of and Schedule 1, Part 1 to the Education (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1984. Subsection (3) was added by amendment under section 53 of the Education (No 2) Act 1986, which came into force on January 7, 1987.)

Mr Conrad Dehn, QC and Mr Raymond Cox for the authority; Lord Campbell of Alloway, QC and Mr John Friel for the boy.

LORD KEITH said that the boy's route to the school was rural, unlit and without a footpath and used to some extent by tractors, milk tankers and cattle wagons.

The council's policy on school transport was set out in a document including a paragraph 3(d) revised on March 12, 1987:

"Transport to be provided *without charge to children* within the statutory walking distance where (i) having regard amongst other things to the age of the child and the nature of the route or alternative route which he could reasonably be expected to take, they consider it necessary for the purpose of facilitating his attendance at school; (ii) an authorized officer of the school health service certifies that transport is required for a child on medical grounds; (iii) the director of social services advises that there are overriding social needs that make the provision of transport essential; (iv) the education committee decides, on the merits of a particular case, that special arrangements should be made."

The minutes of the council's school transport panel's decision of March 18, 1987, read:

"We have had regard amongst other things to Christopher's age (nine) and the nature of the route which he could reasonably be expected to take. We are satisfied that the route in question which is 2.8 miles long and therefore within the statutory walking distance for a child of that age is one which an accompanied child can walk and walk with reasonable safety and that the council is not required by section 55(1) . . . to make arrangements in relation to him.

"Further in our opinion this is not a case where in the council's discretion transport should be provided free of charge. None of the circumstances set out in paragraphs 3(d)(i)-(iv) of the council's policy exist.

"There is no suggestion that Christopher is not a normal healthy boy for his age. We would expect a child of Christopher's age walking this route to be accompanied but are not satisfied that it would not be reasonably practicable for one of Christopher's parents to accompany him or otherwise secure his regular attendance at school."

The reference to the child being accompanied clearly had an eye to the decision of the House in *Rogers v Essex County Council* ([1987] AC 66, 78) where Lord Ackner had said:

"A route to be 'available' within the meaning of section 39(5) must be a route along which a child accompanied as necessary can walk and walk with reasonable safety to school. It does not fail to qualify as 'available' because of dangers which would arise if the child is unaccompanied."

To "facilitate" (section 55(1)) meant to "make easy, promote, help forward" (*Concise Oxford Dictionary*). In *In re an Inquiry under the Company Securities (Insider Dealing) Act 1985* ([1988] AC 660, 704), Lord Griffiths, in a different context, had paraphrased "necessary" as "really needed", which was a helpful way of expressing the concept.

The question under section 55(1) regarding pupils living within the statutory walking distance was whether the authority considered arrangements for free transport to be necessary for the purpose of facilitating their attendance.

Obviously free transport would make the attendance of every such pupil easier, however close to the school he or she happened to live, but that could not determine the matter. It was for the authority, and no one else, to decide whether free transport was really needed for the purpose of promoting the attendance at school of a particular pupil.

That must depend on the authority's view of the circumstances of the particular case, to which it was directed by section 55(3) to have regard. Its function in that respect could be described as a "discretion", although it was not, of course, an unfettered discretion but rather in the nature of an exercise of judgment.

The intention of Parliament clearly was that pupils living outside the statutory walking distance would in all cases be provided with free transport and that pupils within that distance would normally walk to school but would be provided with free transport if the authority considered it necessary for the purpose of facilitating their attendance.

His Lordship could find nothing in the council's policy document inconsistent with that intention.

It was apparent that the school transport panel had taken into account Christopher's age and the nature of the route, in particular its length. The senior assistant education officer had inspected it.

There had been material on which the panel might properly have concluded that it was reasonably practicable for the boy to be accompanied, in respect that his stepfather had stated in an affidavit that he was unemployed and available for the purpose.

There was nothing to suggest that the panel had not been exercising a judgment as to whether free transport was necessary for the purpose of facilitating Christopher's attendance at school.

It had been argued on his behalf that the matter of the accompaniment of a child was relevant only to the availability of a route under section 39(5) and that an authority was not entitled to take into account under section 55(1) even the *possibility of a child being* accompanied.

So, if a route, however short, was unsafe for an unaccompanied child, the authority was obliged to provide free transport.

That argument had to be rejected. By section 39, the parent was under a legal duty to bring about the child's attendance at school. There were various things that a parent might have to do to that end, such as seeing that the child got up in the morning and set out in reasonable time. In the case of an unwilling child, it might be necessary for the parent to take the child to school.

In general, the parent had to do those things that were reasonably practicable to be done and that an ordinary prudent parent would do. That might include accompanying the child where it would be unsafe for it to go unaccompanied.

If a child lived 100 yards from school but the route involved crossing a busy trunk route, and the parent, although available to do so, refused to accompany the child and refused to allow the child to go to school on the ground that it would be dangerous, the parent would be guilty of an offence under section 39(1); neither paragraph (a) nor paragraph (b) would avail him.

It followed that Parliament had contemplated that in appropriate cases a child would be accompanied to school. So a local education authority was fully entitled, when making a decision under section 55(1), to take into account whether or not there were any circumstances that prevented its being reasonably practicable for the child to be accompanied to school over a route that would fall to be treated as not available to an unaccompanied child.

It had not been demonstrated that the council had made any mistake in law as to the nature and extent of its duties and powers, nor had its decision in the present case been unreasonable.

Lord Brandon, Lord Oliver, Lord Goff and Lord Lowry agreed.

Solicitors: Sharpe Pritchard for Mr W. A. Burkinshaw, Exeter; Teacher Stern Selby.

Abortion conscience clause not for medical secretaries

Regina v Salford Area Health Authority, Ex parte Janaway

Before Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Brandon of Oakbrook, Lord Griffiths, Lord Goff of Chieveley and Lord Lowry

[Speeches December 1]

A medical secretary and receptionist at a health centre who was required to type a letter referring a patient for an appointment with a consultant with a view to the latter forming an opinion as to whether the patient's pregnancy should be terminated under the Abortion Act 1967 was not being required to "participate in any treatment" authorized by the Act and was not, accordingly, entitled to refuse to type the letter by reason of her conscientious objection to abortion.

The House of Lords dismissed an appeal by Mrs Barbara Janaway from the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Slade, Lord Justice Balcombe and Lord Justice Stocker) (*The Times* January 5; [1988] 2 WLR 442), who had dismissed her appeal from Mr Justice Nolan who had dismissed her application for judicial review of the health authority's decision to dismiss her and a declaration that, by reason of her conscientious objection to typing correspondence of the type in question, she was not under any duty to carry out such work.

Section 4 of the 1967 Act provides: "(1) Subject to subsection (2) of this section, no person shall be under any duty, whether by contract or by any statutory or other legal requirement, to participate in any treatment authorized by this Act to which he has a conscientious objection . . .

"(2) Nothing in subsection (1) of this section shall affect any duty to participate in treatment which is necessary to save the life or to prevent grave permanent injury to the physical or mental health of a pregnant woman . . .".

Mr Gerard Wright, QC and Mr Patrick Field for Mrs Janaway; Mr John Rowe, QC and Mr Geoffrey Tattersall for the authority.

LORD KEITH said that Mrs Janaway had taken up employment with the authority on June 25, 1984. She had been engaged as a secretary/receptionist at Irlam Health Centre, working for a Dr Barooah. On September 11, she had been asked by him to type the letter in question.

Being a Roman Catholic holding the belief that abortion was morally wrong, she had refused to type the letter, which had eventually been written by hand by another doctor at the centre.

She had told a personnel officer from the authority that she had felt entitled to refuse to type the letter, and any others concerned with termination of pregnancy, by virtue of the conscientious objection provision in section 4(1).

A decision to dismiss her had been formally ratified by the authority on February 6, 1985.

The issue in the case turned on the true construction of the words "participate in any treatment authorized by this Act" in section 4(1).

Mrs Janaway maintained that they covered taking part in any arrangements preliminary to and intended to bring about medical or surgical measures aimed at terminating a pregnancy, including the typing of letters referring a patient to a consultant.

The authority argued that the meaning of the words was limited to taking part in the actual procedures undertaken at the hospital or other approved place with a view to the termination of a pregnancy.

Mrs Janaway's argument proceeded on the lines that the acts attracting the protection of section 4(1) were intended to be coextensive with those that were authorized by section 1(1) and that in the absence of that provision would be criminal.

The criminal law about accessories, she said, treated one who aided and abetted, counselled or procured a criminal act as liable to the same extent as a principal actor.

In the absence of section 1(1) by typing a letter of referral she would be counselling or procuring an abortion, or at least helping to do so and, subject to a possible defence on the principle of *R v Bourne* ([1939] 1 KB 687), would be criminally liable.

Therefore, any requirement to type such a letter was relieved, in the face of a conscientious objection, by section 4(1).

Mr Justice Nolan and Lord Justice Balcombe had accepted the authority's argument that on a proper construction "participate" in section 4(1) did not import the whole concept of principal and accessory residing in the criminal law but in its ordinary and natural meaning referred to actually taking part in treatment administered in a hospital or other approved place in accordance with section 1(3) for the purpose of terminating a pregnancy.

His Lordship agreed. Although "participate" was commonly used to describe the activities of accessories in the criminal law field, it was not a term of art there.

It was in any event not being used in a criminal context in section 4(1). *Ex hypothesi* treatment for termination of a pregnancy under section 1 was not criminal.

His Lordship did not consider that Parliament could reasonably have intended by the use of "participate" to import all the technicalities of the criminal law *about principal and accessory*, which could on occasion raise very nice questions about whether someone was guilty as an accessory. Such niceties would be very difficult of solution for an ordinary health authority.

If Parliament had intended the result contended for by Mrs Janaway, it could have procured it very clearly and easily by referring to participation "in anything authorized by *this* Act" instead of "in any treatment [so] authorized".

It was to be observed that section 4 appeared to represent something of a compromise in relation to conscientious objection. One who believed all abortion to be morally wrong would conscientiously object even to such treatment as was mentioned in section 4(2), yet the subsection would not allow the objection to receive effect.

Lord Brandon, Lord Griffiths, Lord Goff and Lord Lowry agreed.

Solicitors: Gamlens for Clifford Poole & Co, Manchester; Hempsons for Mr E. G. Jones, Manchester.

Pre-Act activities are not 'investment business'

Regina v Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, Ex parte R

Before Lord Justice Mustill and Mr Justice McCowan

[Judgment November 28]

Activities carried out before the sections of the Financial Services Act 1986 which empowered the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry to investigate a businessman's affairs when he considered there was good reason to do so came into effect could not be "investment business" within the meaning of that Act.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held as a preliminary point in an application by a businessman for judicial review of the calling by the secretary of state for the disclosure of documents said to be relevant to the affairs of the businessman. The secretary of state claimed to have acted in pursuance of powers vested in him by section 105(4) of the Financial Services Act.

Mr Anthony Arlidge, QC, Mr Peter Rook and Mr David Chivers for the applicant; Mr William Charles for the secretary of state.

LORD JUSTICE MUSTILL said that the definition of "investment business" involved a statutory qualification expressed *in Schedule 1 to the* 1986 Act and that the powers of the inspectors appointed by the secretary of state under section 105(1) were confined to the time when the party was carrying on the investment business to which the documents, whose production was demanded, were said to be relevant.

Section 105 would not work retrospectively to read as being applicable to pre-Act transactions. The Act created an elaborate new structure which was to come into effect for the future.

The secretary of state took the powers created by section 105 to enable him to police the proper working of a scheme, which was concerned with events happening after an appointed day, created by the Act and for him to administer the various sanctions conferred by the Act for infractions of that scheme.

A power to look at the past to explain the present was implicit in section 105 but there was no reason why Parliament should have given the secretary of state powers to investigate putative investment business before the Act, to underpin the supervision of a scheme, and the application of sanctions to enforce it, when the scheme only began to come into existence on the first of the appointed days.

Mr Justice McCowan agreed.

Solicitors: Slaters; Solicitor, Department of Trade and Industry.

Operational interest in vessel covered

Turner v Manx Line Ltd

A marine insurance under the Institute Time Clauses Hulls Port Risks policy covered the *liability of the assured* for damage caused to a harbour where the assured's interest was as operator of the insured vessel and was not confined to strict liability through a proprietary interest.

Mr Justice Hirst so held in the Commercial Court of the Queen's Bench Division on November 16 when giving judgment for the defendant on a claim by a representative Lloyd's underwriter, by subrogation for moneys recovered by the defendants and retained.

HIS LORDSHIP said the present dispute centred on the eight words in the opening line of clause 3 in the standard terms of the ITCHPR policy by which the assured was covered "if by reason of interest in the vessel" he became liable for damages as described in the clause.

The word "interest" was by no means exclusively limited to a proprietary interest. In the appropriate context an interest could equally well be commercial, philanthropic or connected with family, local or political ties.

To interpret it in its present context as connoting an operational interest was fully in harmony with the clause as a whole.

Man On The Line to oblige again

By Mandarin
(Michael Phillips)

Man On The Line, from Reg Akehurst's successful all-the-year-round Epsom stable, looks an excellent bet to win the Crowngap Construction Winter Hurdle at Sandown Park today, and he is my nap.

Although he has never tackled today's distance of two miles and five furlongs, he has given the impression that he will relish the trip on the four occasions I have seen him finish strongly at the end of 2½ miles this season.

On the first of those he just failed to overhaul a fitter Stormwatch at Chepstow and was beaten a head.

Next time out, though, he did just manage to get up in the nick of time at Cheltenham to beat Inde Pulse (a winner by four lengths at Towcester last Saturday) by a neck.

After being given the slip by the useful Flat racer Penny Forum at Kempton, where Kafarmo was 25 lengths behind in third place, Man On The Line picked up the winning thread again at Ascot a fortnight ago when he made every yard of the running to beat Wishlon by three lengths.

In the meantime, Wishlon has done his bit for the form by winning next time out at Newbury by ten lengths.

Having split Tewit Castle and Inde pulse (both winners since) at Cheltenham, Alphasonic clearly comes into the reckoning on paper at any rate.

However, I believe the line through Inde Pulse might well prove misleading because Inde Pulse swallowed his tongue at Cheltenham that day and it was tied down when be won last Saturday.

On the other hand, there should not be much between Kamadoor and Caballine again as there was only a short head in it at Fontwell Park where Caballine was running for the first time.



David Nicholson: high hopes for Bangor double

As Kittinger seems to have lost his way over fences for the time being, the biggest danger could easily be Serious Man, who has finished runner-up in both his races this season.

At Windsor last time, he was hanging noticeably towards the end. Man On The Line has no such fault.

David Murray-Smith has decided that the moment is right to launch the useful ex-Irish horse Bartres on his way in the Crownco Handicap Chase.

In this instance I prefer Tarconey, who tends to reserve his best for the Esher track where he has now won three times. I vividly recall him beating Clara Mountain there last season and he will be hard to beat in that sort of form.

With Martin Pipe's stable in almost unstoppable form, no-one should be surprised if the Global Homes Handicap Chase is won by the top weight **Torside** even though he has not had an outing this season.

The lack of a previous race did not stop his stable companions Beau Ranger and Strands Of Gold from winning last week, nor did it stop Bonanza Boy in the West Country earlier this week.

Every bit as important, Torside showed that he is a clean-winded horse last season when winning first time out. He was also successful at Sandown later on.

It seems odd to record that Friendly Henry, who finished sixth in this year's Grand National, is still seeking that illusive first win over fences in the Crown Gap Holdings Novices Chase.

Not so Alone Success and Bigsun, who have both won twice this term. **Alone Success** was the better over hurdles, and he is preferred now.

Elsewhere, Richard Dunwoody and David Nicholson can pull off a double at Bangor, thanks to **Another Coral** (12.45) and **Waterloo Boy** (3.15), while **Wessex** looks the banker at Southwell in the Sparrow Selling Hurdle, having split Carrickhill Lad and Third In Line at Ayr recently.

Opposition to metric weights

The Racegoers Club has written to the Jockey Club to express its concern about an EEC directive which could lead to the metrication of horses' weights.

In a letter to Lord Fairhaven, the Senior Steward, Racegoers Club chairman Tony Fairbairn called for the retention of the imperial system of weights in British racing.

He asked the Jockey Club to resist any move to metrication and to seek exemption from the Department of Trade.

Fairbairn said that DOT guidelines show there is no reason to switch from the imperial to metric system in matters domestic to the UK. He added: "The Jockey Club must not sit back and do nothing. The Stewards should consult the relevant racing bodies and make out a special case for the racing industry."

"The punter and racegoer is familiar with the pound as a unit of weight. There is no easy and accurate method of converting kilos to pounds, and kilos are not widely understood," said Fairbairn, who pointed out that there are no proposals to metricate distances of races.

Decision date on all-weather

The Levy Board meets again on December 20 to decide which two courses should qualify for £1 million in interest free loans to build all-weather tracks.

The Board failed to reach a decision at their meeting last month when Doncaster, Lingfield Park and Nottingham made submissions. Jockey Club stewards will also consider the subject at a meeting on Monday.

Profitable trip

A 700-mile round trip from Rose Green, West Sussex paid off for Homme D'Affaire when the Roland O'Sullivan-trained gelding just got home by a head from King's Harvest in the Caldbeck Novices Hurdle at Carlisle yesterday.

Wetherby doubt

Wetherby stewards hold a noon inspection today to assess the possibility of racing tomorrow. The going at present is soft, but a course spokesman said: "There is water standing on parts of the back straight."

Ireland's Sunday experiment proves resounding success

By Alan Lee

If the continuing campaign for Sunday racing in Britain requires any further compelling evidence, its advocates need only look across the Irish Sea. There, the period of experiment is over. Sunday racing is now regarded as a successful permanency.

Any who remained doubtful were surely convinced by the last of this year's 14 Sunday fixtures, a valuable mixed card at Leopardstown.

On a bitterly cold November day, when Dublin had been subjected to a furious morning hailstorm, almost 14,000 people turned up. Not only that, they wagered £1.08 million with the bookmakers, a record for Leopardstown and the second biggest betting turnover ever for a day's racing in Ireland.

"When you produce figures like that, you have to say the Sunday concept is a big success," says Tony Corcoran, manager of the Leopardstown course. "It is here to stay now. All it requires is slightly more careful planning to prevent it detracting from Saturday programmes. On the occasions when we have had racing in the Dublin area on both days of a weekend it has been noticeable that the Saturday crowds have suffered."

Apart from their success in industrial relations and in conquering the economic hazards of racing on the Sabbath, one of the most striking facts about the Irish venture has been the drawing power of the country meetings. Tipperary staged a Sunday card on October 2. Arc de Triomphe Day, and 8,000 racegoers packed in.

"Jump racing seems to go better than the Flat," says Corcoran. "But against that, we had 20,000 at Leopardstown for our centenary meeting in the summer. That was on a glorious August Sunday and it was noticeable that it was a very different type of crowd from the hard core.

"Entire families came along for the day out and it reflected in the betting. The Tote had a very busy day, which always indicates a high proportion of irregular racegoers."

Corcoran has high hopes for his first Sunday presentation of 1989, scheduled for February 19. "It is a good card, featuring the Vincent O'Brien Gold Cup and because it is the day after the Ireland-England rugby international at Lansdowne Road I think we will get a lot of English people making a sporting weekend of it."

The Irish progress is certainly being keenly followed in Portman Square, where the Jockey Club is still agitating at high level to accelerate progress.

Sherwood resumes

Simon Sherwood returns to the saddle with three booked rides at Sandown Park today after suffering concussion in a fall at Wincanton last Thursday. Sherwood, who was signed off for the statutory week, partners Desert Orchid in the Tingle Creek Chase at Sandown tomorrow.

Spokesman David Pipe explains: "Although Sunday racing made no headway from two parliamentary Bills the government has a commitment within its manifesto to Sunday trading. We are continually trying to draw their attention to the anomalies of Sunday trading when related to sport and to persuade them they should sort out the whole business, racing included, at the one time."

Pipe believes that, despite the delays and the vocal opposition from some areas of the racing industry, "there is a general acceptance that Sunday racing will come sooner or later." When it does, there are lessons to be learned from the Irish.

Corcoran explains: "It is important to make the day special, to lay on something a little different. Irish racegoers have a habit of all arriving 15 minutes before the first race. Our answer, on a Sunday, is to tempt them in early with some entertainment, a band or a show, and to spread the word to those who might not normally go racing that here is a day out rather than simply a betting medium."

● Jenny Pitman's fortunes changed with an 18-1 double through Alckhine and Cash Is King in the two divisions of the Askett Novices' Hurdle at Warwick yesterday.

SANDOWN PARK

Selections
By Mandarin

12.55 Tarconey.
1.25 MAN ON THE LINE (nap).
2.00 Alone Success.
2.30 Torside.
3.00 The Milroy.
3.30 Bank View.

Michael Seely's selection: 1.25 MAN ON THE LINE (nap).

Guide to our in-line racecard

1 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 ..... B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

Going: good

12.55 CROWNCO HANDICAP CHASE (£3,752: 2m 4f 68yd) (6 runners)

101	3/3405/	BARTRES 584 (D,G,S) (Mrs D Bulk) D Murray-Smith 9-11-13	G Bradley	—
102	F14F0-R	DRIVE ON JIMMY 20 (CD,G,S) (R E A Bott (Wigmore St) Ltd) Mrs E Heath 10-11-9	H Davies	89
103	4FP1U-6	TARCONEY 27 (CD,G,S) (R Whittle) P Cundell 8-11-5	P Scudamore	96
104	12-1111	DAVY'S WEIR 20 (D,F,G) (Mrs R Lacy) J Gifford 8-10-7	R Rowe	94
105	4/3130-5	KILBRITTAIN CASTLE 62 (C,F,G,S) (W Wimbread) F Walwyn 12-10-6	K Mooney	● 99
106	35324-4	AMRULLAH 14 (T Thorn) J Bridger 8-10-1	R Goldstein	89

BETTING: 11-8 Davy's Wear, 5-2 Tarconey, 4-1 Bartres, 6-1 Kilbrittain Castle, 8-1 Amrullah, 12-1 Drive On Jimmy.

1987: CLARA MOUNTAIN 8-11-2 H Davies (7-2) T Forster 8 ran

FORM DAVY'S WEIR had a simple task in a 3-runner affair at Huntingdon (2m 4f, firm) being eased down to beat Schlemmer ¾l after DRIVE ON JIMMY refused at the 3rd; earlier DAVY'S WEIR was all out to beat The Luckpenny Man ½l at Fontwell (2m 2f 110yd, good).

DRIVE ON JIMMY put up one of his best performances of last season over course-and-distance when beating Gente Approach 2l (soft).

TARCONEY was beaten a distance when last of 6 behind Cuddy Dale here (3m 118y, good to firm) on seasonal bow.

KILBRITTAIN CASTLE finished 25½l 5th of 14 to Diamond Digger at Chepstow in October (2m, good). Has won here 6 times, but is not the force he once was.

BARTRES, a very useful chaser in Ireland 2 seasons ago, winning at Punchestown (2m 4f, good). Goes well when fresh and is fancied to make a winning reappearance.

Selection: BARTRES

1.25 CROWNGAP CONSTRUCTION WINTER NOVICES HURDLE (Listed race: £3,785: 2m 5f 75yd) (10 runners)

201	08-21F2	KAMADOOR 31 (D,F) (D Harvie) G Balding 5-11-6	J Frost	85
202	40-2121	MAN ON THE LINE 14 (F) (Thrinacia Investments) R Akehurst 5-11-6	P Scudamore	● 99
203	50503-1	CABALLINE 31 (G) (P Lancaster) M Hayes 4-11-4	G McCourt	80
204	45-0332	ALPHASONIC 21 (Mrs J Locke) P Cundell 4-11-0	M Perrett	91
205		CHARTFIELD 85¤F (M Caine) Miss B Sanders 8-11-0	I Shoesmark (4)	—
206	P0-33	KAFARMO 11 (J Mackenzie) J Jenkins 5-11-0	S Sherwood	83
207	2122-53	KITTINGER 24 (G,S) (J Lamminan) A Turnell 7-11-0	Steve Knight	—
208	60004P-	SEAL PRINCE 241 (Mrs J Dening) R Dening 7-11-0	R Rowell	84
209	3200-32	SERIOUS MAN 20 (J Musson) D Grissell 5-11-0	H Davies	93
210	FPP/0P0-	SEAL POEM 336 (Major R Dening) R Dening 7-10-9	R Goldstein	—

BETTING: Evens Man On The Line, 7-2 Serious Man, 5-1 Kamadoor, 7-1 Alphasonic, 9-1 Caballine, 12-1 Kafarmo, 16-1 Seal Prince, 20-1 Kittinger, 33-1 Chartfield, 50-1 Seal Poem.

1987: SLALOM 5-11-5 J White (5-4 fav) M Robinson 9 ran

FORM MAN ON THE LINE ran on well to beat Wishlon (winner since) 3l at Ascot (2m 4f, good to firm); earlier, he finished a good 4l 2nd to Penny Forum at Kempton (2m 4f, good) with KAFARMO (1lb worse off) 25l back in 3rd.

CABALLINE just got up to beat KAMADOOR (3lb worse off) by a short-head at Fontwell (2m 6f, good). Should be close between the two again today.

ALPHASONIC ran his best race to date when 6l 2nd of 18 to Tewit Castle at Cheltenham (3m 1f, good to firm) last time.

SERIOUS MAN has run well on both starts this term, finished ½l 2nd of 11 to Proplus at Windsor (2m 6f, good).

Selection: MAN ON THE LINE

2.0 CROWNGAP HOLDINGS NOVICES CHASE (£3,590: 3m 118yd) (6 runners)

301	643P-11	ALONE SUCCESS 16 (D,F,G,S) (Sheikh Amin Dahlawi) N Henderson 5-11-4	J White	85
302	523-112	BIGSUN 9 (D,F,G) (J Horn) D Nicholson 7-11-4	R Dunwoody	● 99
303	F-33422	AH HELLO 14 (Maddison Aggregates Ltd) J Jenkins 7-10-12	R Rowe	82
304	523P-FU	CELTIC FLIGHT 21 (S) (Mrs M Curtis) Mrs M Rimell 8-10-12	P Scudamore	88
305	3238826-	FRIENDLY HENRY 237 (R Wright) J Fox 8-10-12	N Doughty	91
306	RF3000-	IRON BILLY 218 (G) (Mrs I Peart) D Elsworth 9-10-12	G Bradley	—

BETTING: 5-4 Alone Success, 7-4 Bigsun, 4-1 Celtic Flight, 9-1 Ah Hello, 12-1 Iron Billy, 20-1 Friendly Henry.

1987: BUTTON YOUR LIP 5-10-12 R Dunwoody (9-1) D Nicholson 9 ran

FORM ALONE SUCCESS, an easy 8l winner of a 2-runner event from Bruni Baby; earlier came home by 12l from Danny Walsh at Stratford (2m 6f, good). A smart chaser in the making.

BIGSUN met a useful opponent when ¾l 2nd to Slalom at Haydock (3m, good to soft); earlier jumped well when beating Glenavey 15l at Cheltenham (3m, good to firm) where CELTIC FLIGHT unseated his rider at the 14th.

FRIENDLY HENRY ran the race of his life to finish 49½l 6th of 40 to Rhyme 'N' Reason in the Grand National (4m 4f, good to soft). He has still to win over fences.

IRON BILLY, a winner over hurdles here last season (2m, good) makes his chasing debut.

Selection: ALONE SUCCESS (nap)

2.30 GLOBAL HOMES HANDICAP CHASE (£3,622: 3m 5f 18yd) (8 runners)

401	164301-	TORSIDE 211 (C,D,S) (G Blagrove) M Pipe 9-12-0	M Perrett	97
402	0P1-03U	KNOCK HILL 20 (D,G,S) (P Thompson) J Webber 12-11-4	G Mernagh	● 99
403	533P0-U	MEMBERSON 13 (C,D,F,G,S) (P Dufosee) P Dufosee 10-11-2	S Powell	93
404	222-212	BAJAN SUNSHINE 14 (V,BF,F,G,S) (P Green) C Brooks 9-11-2	P Scudamore	97
405	421PF-4	DART OVER 24 (G,S) (P Pocock) Miss L Pocock 12-10-12	S Earle	95
406	1U10-55	MITHRAS 20 (F,G,S) (Mrs H Richards) B Preece 10-10-11	G Landau	96
407	221-122	DIRECT APPROACH 13 (F,S) (H Joel) J Gifford 8-10-3	R Rowe	95
408	31445-3	CELTIC HAMLET 14 (F) (B Baldwin) F O'Mahony 9-10-0	R Goldstein	84

Long handicap: Celtic Hamlet 9-3.

BETTING: 6-4 Torside, 3-1 Bajan Sunshine, 6-1 Direct Approach, 8-1 Knock Hill, 10-1 Memberson, 12-1 Dart Over, 16-1 Mithras, 25-1 Celtic Hamlet.

1987: FAIR CHILD 7-10-0 P Croucher (6-1) D Murray-Smith 10 ran

FORM BAJAN SUNSHINE was outjumped by Mr Frisk at Ascot last time (3m, good to firm) but stayed on well to finish 2nd, beaten 3l with CELTIC HAMLET, 7lb better off, 15l back in 3rd; earlier beat Sun Rising a sh hd at Ascot (3m, good to firm). Should be suited by the extra distance today.

TORSIDE, a course winner last season, beat Mr Peapook 1l under top weight at Newton Abbot (2m 2f 100yd, good to soft) on final start. Ran best race when 8½l 14th to Aquiller at Cheltenham Festival (3m 1f, good to soft).

DIRECT APPROACH beat Goodman Point a neck on reappearance at Cheltenham (3m, good to firm). Has since been beaten twice by Pucka Place, most recently by 2½l at Ascot (3m, good). Prefers a sound surface.

KNOCK HILL, was let down by his jumping when unseating his rider at Cheltenham; earlier 3rd beaten 10l by Cuddy Dale (rec 14lb) here over 3m 118yd.

MITHRAS, a long way behind DIRECT APPROACH on Newbury bow, put up an improved performance last time when 13½l 5th to Run And Skip at Cheltenham (3m 4f, good to firm). Suited by some give in the ground.

Selection: BAJAN SUNSHINE

3.0 PSB NATIONAL HUNT GUIDE NOVICES HURDLE (£2,460: 2m) (17 runners)

501	03/-11	ELFAST 39 (D,G,S) (J Webber) J Webber 5-11-8	G Mernagh	91
502	33SF-12	PIPERS COPSE 24 (D,G) (Mrs J Locke) P Cundell 5-11-4	M Perrett	94
503		ADMIRAL'S LEAP (Queen Elizabeth) F Walwyn 4-11-0	K Mooney	—
504		BEAU PARI (M Pinto) J Gifford 4-11-0	E Murphy	—
505		FILE CONCORD (Jet Stationery Company) Mrs J Pitman 4-11-0	M Bowlby	—
506	0	FINELY TUNED 42 (S Sharp) J Redmond 5-11-0	D Gallagher	—
507	0P000/	FIRST INSIGHT 581 (Insight Cartons Ltd) N Gaselee 8-11-0	B Powell	—
508	0/-	GODIVA BEARINGS 758 (Godiva Bearings Southern) J Fox 5-11-0	N Doughty	—
509	12-1	MORLEY STREET 27 (F,G) (Salesturst Paper) G Balding 4-11-0	J Frost	—
510	PP00-25	PICK ROUNDSTONE 15 (P Langmead) J Gifford 5-11-0	R Rowe	57
511	5-2	RIVERTINO 67 (R Cheetham) P Mitchell 4-11-0	R Dunwoody	—
512		THE ARTFUL RASCAL (Mrs R Banks) J Gifford 4-11-0	Peter Hobbs	—
513	1-3	THE MILROY 23 (F) (R E A Bott Ltd) O Sherwood 5-11-0	S Sherwood	● 99
514	F006/-5	BUSY MITTENS 27 (Mrs H Bare) M McCourt 7-10-9	G McCourt	77
515	045642-	FIT FOR FIRING 251 (F Chapman) D Elsworth 4-10-9	P Holley (7)	88
516		POLLY PHIL (A Smith) A Turnell 4-10-9	I Lawrence (7)	—
517	3	SCAMPERED 27 (Mrs G Maxwell) J Gifford 4-10-9	Mr T Grantham	—

BETTING: 9-4 The Milroy, 4-1 Elfast, Morley Street, 11-2 Pipers Copse, 15-2 Fit For Firing, 8-1 Pick Roundstone, 12-1 Busy Mittens, 14-1 others.

1987: DEEP TREASURE 5-11-0 P Scudamore (13-8 fav) F Winter 17 ran

FORM THE MILROY was the easy winner of a National Hunt Flat race at Warwick last season (2m, firm) and made a promising debut over hurdles at Newbury when 3l 2nd to Nodform (2m 100yd, good to firm).

PIPERS COPSE won a similar event on reappearance at Plumpton beating Serious Man 10l (2m, good) and was a strong finishing second when beaten ½l by Mountedor at Hereford last time (2m good).

ELFAST won easily on Uttoxeter reappearance beating Bright Intervals 8l (2m, good to soft) and followed up at Newbury (2m 100yd, good to soft) last time. Faces stiffer opposition today.

FIT FOR FIRING was beaten a head by Grogan at Newbury in heavy ground (2m100y). Likely to need the race.

MORELY STREET, twice the winner of National Hunt Flat races here, recently (2m, good to firm). He looks the best of hurdling debutants.

Selection: THE MILROY

3.30 SURREY RACING HURDLE (Listed race: 3-Y-O: £4,012: 2m) (15 runners)

601	11	BANK VIEW 13 (D,G,S) (Bank View Hire Ltd) N Tinkler 11-4	G McCourt	94
602	112	AL ASOOF 34 (D,BF,F,G) (P Redding) P Hedger 11-0	R Dunwoody	98
603	0	BAHRAIN BRIDGE 9 (R Foster) A Ingham 11-0	R Arnott	—
604	53	CALL A TRUCE 9 (P Mitchell) P Mitchell 11-0	D Gallagher	72
605	3	DEEP SENSATION 38 (R Blot) J Gifford 11-0	R Rowe	83
606		GULF PALACE 46F (C Mason) R Akehurst 11-0	Dale McKeown	—
607		INTERPLAY 75F (M Hickey) R O'Sullivan 11-0	R Guest	—
608	0	ITYLOS 13 (R Ellis) G Balding 11-0	J Frost	—
609	1	JOPANINI 7 (D,G) (J Bush (Holdings) Ltd) D Thom 11-0	D Murphy	● 98
610	0	MAN RAY 7 (BF) (K Fustok) J Jenkins 11-0	S Sherwood	—
611	F0	MR MURDOCK 30 (D Ward-Smith) J Fox 11-0	N Doughty	—
612	652	SEVEN OF DIAMONDS 34 (T Keeping) D Elsworth 11-0	B Powell	88
613		TAKE ISSUE 60F (R Flower) J Sutcliffe 11-0	I Shoesmark (4)	—
614	21	VIKING VENTURE 7 (D,G) (N Spreadbury) D Wilson 11-0	T Morgan	92
615	6F	YA MUNA 9 (B) (Woodstow Antique Ltd) J Fitch-Heyes 10-9	R Goldstein	—

BETTING: 11-4 Al Asoof, 3-1 Jopanini, 5-1 Bank View, 6-1 Viking Venture, 8-1 Seven Of Diamonds, 9-1 Deep Sensation, 12-1 Call A Truce, 14-1 others.

1987: WAHIBA 3-11-0 N Coleman (16-1) R Holder 14 ran

FORM AL ASOOF, successful in novice hurdles at Fontwell (2m 2f,firm) and Plumpton (2m, good) already this season, ran on well to finish 1l 2nd to Royal Derbi at Wetherby (2m, good to soft) on last outing. Looks sure to go well.

BANK VIEW was impressive when beating Senator Snugfit by 12l on hurdling debut at Newcastle (2m good) and followed up at Ayr (2m, soft) beating Miss Mil by an easy 3l. Faces stiffer opposition today.

JOPANINI made all when winning by 30l on hurdling debut at Leicester (2m, good) last week with MAN RAY a distant 9th.

VIKING VENTURE fulfilled promise of first run behind Oubler L'Ennui at Windsor (2m 30yd, good to firm) when beating Look Lively by 7l at Newbury next time (2m 100yd, good).

SEVEN OF DIAMONDS showed improved form last time when 2l 2nd to Afford at Ascot (2m, good to firm).

Selection: BANK VIEW

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
D Murray-Smith	5	22	22.7
Mrs M Rimell	3	14	21.4
Mrs J Pitman	11	57	19.3
N Henderson	12	63	19.0
J Gifford	29	167	17.4
D Elsworth	15	90	16.7

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
M Bowlby	3	6	50.0
E Murphy	7	31	22.6
G Landau	4	19	21.1
R Rowe	21	123	17.1
R Dunwoody	14	88	15.9
P Scudamore	14	97	14.4

BANGOR

Selections
By Mandarin

12.45 Another Coral. 1.15 Johns Present. 1.45 Ipah. 2.15 Marshal Blake. 2.45 Kodiak Island. 3.15 Waterloo Boy. 3.45 Silent Twirl.

Going: soft

12.45 HORSEMAN'S GREEN NOVICES HURDLE (£680: 2m) (10 runners)

1	0-61	ANOTHER CORAL 11 (D,G) D Nicholson 5-11-4	—	—
2	0-0	BARKIN 11 J Edwards 5-10-12	T Morgan	—
3	S-	BLUE BOURBON 251 Mrs J Pitman 4-10-12	M Pitman	—
4	6-64	FRIDAY CLUB 14 I Wardle 4-10-12	NON-RUNNER	
5		LOGANBANK M Robinson 5-10-12	J Duggan	—
6	00P-	ROMAN DART 241 M Scudamore 4-10-12	M Williams	—
7		STOP TWO M Oliver 4-10-12	J Railton (7)	—
8	25	MISS NEPTUNE 41 (BF) D Barons 4-10-7	P Nicholls	—
9	2-23	QUEEN'S ANTHEM 41 R Dickin 5-10-7	M Jones (7)	—
10	0-0	SCALLYMERE 8 A Brisbourne 5-10-7	Pat Caldwell (7)	—

4-5 Another Coral, 5-1 Barkin, 6-1 Queens Anthem, 10-1 Loganbank, 12-1 Miss Neptune, 14-1 Stop Two, 16-1 others.

1.15 BARKIN DEVELOPMENTS & PROPERTY CO HANDICAP CHASE (£2,057: 2m 4f) (4)

1	30P-	JOHNS PRESENT 258 (C,D,S) R Holder 10-11-10	N Coleman	—
2	-PFF	BORLEAFRAS 42 (C,D,BF,F,G,S) D Moffatt 8-10-9	T Reed	—
3	144-	GOLDEN REDEEMER 214 (D,F,S) R Francis 10-10-5	S J O'Neill	—
4	F/1-	RAGENS BOY 392 (CD,G,S) O O'Neill 7-10-0	A Webb	—

7-4 Johns Present, 9-4 Golden Redeemer, 7-2 Borleafras, 4-1 Ragens Boy.

1.45 DANNY BOY NOVICES HURDLE (£680: 2m 4f) (13)

1	06-	ARROWFLITE 379 M Oliver 5-11-0	J Railton (7)	—
2	0P-3	BENCREIGH 16 D Wintle 4-11-0	S Keightley	—
3	585-	COAL GREY 273 D Gandolfo 7-11-0	M Richards	—
4	60-4	GLEBE SPINNEY 16 (B) J Wharton 6-11-0	S J O'Neill	—
5	000-	IPAH M Robinson 6-11-0	J Duggan	—
6	00-	ROYALTY BAY 259 J Spearing 5-11-0	Lorna Vincent	—
7	0-04	SKETCHER 6 D Barons 5-11-0	P Nicholls	—
8	42-2	SPRING PALM 42 R Peacock 5-11-0	R Marley	—
9	P-	WONDERFUL WILLIAM 175F C Dingwall 4-11-0	R Crank	—
10	004-	ACTIA 98 E Owen jun 7-10-9	D J Burchell	—
11	0P-	BOLD OLIVIA 422 R Earnshaw 5-10-9	T P Wintle (7)	—
12	3-40	FRANS GIRL 11 R Holder 5-10-9	N Coleman	—
13		SMOOTH TALK 1138F Mrs S Minns 7-10-9	R Teague (7)	—

5-2 Spring Palm, 7-2 Sketcher, 9-2 Bencreigh, 8-1 Actia.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: J Edwards, 13 winners from 47 runners, 27.7%; Mrs S Oliver, 5 from 21, 23.8%; D Gandolfo, 6 from 26, 23.1%; D O'Neill, 6 from 33, 18.2%; D McCain, 7 from 43, 16.3%; J Spearing, 4 from 34, 11.8%.

JOCKEYS: T Morgan, 4 winners from 12 rides, 33.3%; M Williams, 5 from 33, 15.2%; A Webb, 4 from 28, 14.3%; T Wall, 5 from 52, 9.6% (only qualifiers).

2.15 BARKIN DEVELOPMENTS HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,842: 3m) (10)

1	0FP-	PAPPA'S GOLD 173 (D,G,S) D Gandolfo 11-11-10	Miss E Gandolfo (7)	—
2	210-	GRENAGH 228 (S) V Bishop 7-11-10	M Williams	—
3	10-0	CHRISTO II (S) (D) I Wardle 5-11-8	S J O'Neill	—
4	63-0	HIGH HAM BLUES 22 (S) D Barons 5-11-8	P Nicholls	—
5	1-04	MEVAGISSEY 18 (F) D McCain 5-11-3	Mr D McCain jnr	—
6	R051	THE ENID 14 (V,F,S) J Davies 5-10-12	S McCrystal (7)	—
7	-132	MARSHAL BLAKE 43 (B,D,F) Miss S Wilton 5-10-11	S Davies (4)	—
8	256-	DON'T BE LATE 221 (S) R Peacock 6-10-10	L Wyer	—
9	50P-	IN CONTENTION 168F (S) I Wardle 5-10-2	—	—
10	051-	PADDY WILL 265 (S) F Jordan 4-10-0	—	—

2-1 Marshal Blake, 11-4 The Enid, 7-2 Christo, 5-1 Don't Be Late, 6-1 Mevagissey, 10-1 Grenagh, 14-1 others.

2.45 WEBSTER BANKS WOOD NOVICES CHASE (£2,055: 3m) (11)

1	005-	BALITO 247 (G) D Barons 7-11-0	P Nicholls	—
2	2087	BRABINER BOY 587 T Laxton 7-11-0	L Wyer	—
3	050-	DAN RAISE 233 (S) Mrs J Pitman 7-11-0	M Pitman	—
4	0/2-	GAY MOORE 244 M Robinson 7-11-0	J Duggan	—
5	-6F4	KIPP CHUGGY 15 M Bradstock 7-11-0	—	—
6	12-4	KODIAK ISLAND 36 (S) O Sherwood 6-11-0	M Richards	—
7	40	MOORSTOWN PRIDE 133 Mrs N Sharpe 8-11-0	M Bosley	—
8	043F	CELTIC DREAM 14 T Bill 5-10-9	R Crank	—
9	/0P-	LADY SEEKER 228 A J Wilson 5-10-9	S Cowley	—
10		MOONLIGHT SHADOW 923 D McCain 7-10-9	S J O'Neill	—
11	5F66	ROYS DILEMMA 3 W Sheedy 8-10-9	S Hodgson (7)	—

5-4 Kodiak Island, 3-1 Kipp Chuggy, 6-1 Gay Moore, 10-1 Balito, 12-1 Celtic Dream, 14-1 Dan Raise, 16-1 others.

3.15 BANKS WOOD NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£1,618: 2m) (7)

1	40-1	WATERLOO BOY 34 (D,G,S) D Nicholson 5-11-10	—	—
2	125-	BIETSCHHORN HUT 242 (CD,G,S) D Gandolfo 6-11-6	—	—
3	20-0	EYETRAP 27 P Harris 7-10-8	D Skyrme (7)	—
4	-23F	CANDLELIGHT DINNER 34 (S) Mrs S Oliver 7-10-6	R Hyett	—
5	P-P0	MISTER KILO 8 A Jones 7-10-0	S Keightley	—
6	643-	JOLLY MARINER 181 Mrs J Pitman 9-10-0	J Leach (7)	—
7	2F-5	PROUD SOLDIER 22 M Scudamore 5-10-0	M Williams	—

Evens Waterloo Boy, 5-1 Jolly Mariner, 8-1 Eyetrap, 10-1 Bietschhorn Hut, 12-1 Candlelight Dinner, 14-1 others.

3.45 CROSS LANES NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,038: 2m) (10)

1	2SP0	PRINCE BOLD 2 (B) M Oliver 5-12-0	R Crank	—
2	P0/0	COMMON FARM 32F (BF) R Dickin 5-11-7	M Jones (7)	—
3	-0P0	FAITHFUL CHARLIE 8 R Holder 4-11-3	N Coleman	—
4	2312	BELOW ZERO 8 (CD,G) D Wintle 5-11-0	S Keightley	—
5	-022	SILENT TWIRL 14 (BF) J King 5-10-13	—	—
6	-002	CREOLE BAY 41 R Eckley 4-10-11	W McFarland (7)	—
7	0-00	BOLT HEAD 24 D Barons 5-10-9	P Nicholls	—
8	/00-	MASTER SALESMAN 336 D Hodgson 5-10-7	R Marley	—
9	-F04	CORNCHARM 29 B McMahon 7-10-4	T Wall	—
10	P9-4	CALA CONE 13 R Peacock 5-10-4	S J O'Neill	—

5-2 Silent Twirl, 3-1 Below Zero, 9-2 Creole Bay, 5-1 Cornchairm, 8-1 Prince Bold, 12-1 Cala Cone, 16-1 others.

SOUTHWELL

Selections
By Mandarin

1.00 Thar-An-Bharr.
1.30 Wessex.
2.00 Perroquet.
2.30 Kevinsfort.
3.00 Stormwatch.
3.30 Celtic Bob.

By Michael Seely
2.00 PERROQUET (nap). 3.30 Asturias.
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.30 WESSEX.

Going: good

1.0 PARTRIDGE NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£963: 2m 74yd) (15 runners)

1	21-2114	CLEVER FOLLY 13 (CD,F,S) (N Mason Farms Ltd) G Richards 8-12-7	Mr P Doyle (7)	94
2	4/63/00-	EASTER FESTIVAL 282 (M Smith) Mrs P Sly 7-11-3	M Bastard	—
3	2/012	THAR-AN-BHARR 91 (BF,F) (J Upson) J Cossello 6-11-1	P Harley (7)	97
4	2-05651	WEIRPOOL 7 (D,F) (H Spooner) W Kemp 6-11-0 (7ex)	S McKeever (7)	● 99
5	003/0-03	BLENDERS CHOICE 15 (D,F) (M O'Connor) J King 6-10-11	S Smith Eccles	83
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2. How many times have the Dickinson family trained the King George winner?
3. Arkle ran the last race of his career when beaten into second place in the 1966 King George. Who beat him?
4. Who was the last jockey to win the King George VI Chase, Cheltenham Gold Cup, Champion Hurdle and Grand National in his career?
5. Which was the last horse to win the Christmas Hurdle at Kempton and go on to win the Cheltenham Gold Cup?
6. Which jockey had his career brought to an end after a fall in the Christmas Hurdle?

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TENNIS

Wilander finds no answer as Becker turns on the power

From Richard Evans, New York

The warning signals were posted in Tokyo and Stockholm but it was only here, in the inescapable spotlight of Madison Square Garden, that Boris Becker was able to convince his critics and impress a foe.

Mats Wilander, the world No. 1, was the man on the opposite side of the net in the first of the round-robin matches at the Masters and if he came off court with something of a dazed expression on his normally immobile face, it was no wonder.

Becker defeated Wilander 7-6, 6-7, 6-1, and that third set score was very revealing. There was nothing to choose between them in the first two sets but in the third game of the third, Becker unleashed a couple of returns that left Wilander helpless.

"They changed the match" the Swede admitted afterwards. "Until then I was pretty confident."

And so he should have been. Having weathered much of what Becker had thrown at him — huge serves and some pulverizing forehand approach shots — Wilander had run away with the second set tie-break by seven points to one.

As Becker flung down his racket in frustration when Wilander scored for the second time in five points with a lucky net cord pass, it seemed as if the volatile temperament that has occasionally got the West German into trouble was going to cost him the match.

"Yes, Boris lost concentration there for five minutes," Wilander said. "It is very easy to do. But at our level it is also easy to get it back again and he was able to put it out of his mind."

The ability to channel anger and frustration to his own advantage is one of Becker's strengths when he is playing well and as he pointed out he has been perfectly happy with his game since winning the Stella Artois title at Queen's in June.

Apart from winning at Indianapolis in the summer and in Tokyo and Stockholm more recently, Becker has shrugged off two foot injuries and bounced back with remarkable verve and confidence.

Andre Agassi also appeared to be in good form but it must be said that his opponent, Tim Mayotte, was far from his best as he went down in straight sets.

Like Wilander, who insisted that he had felt no pain from the shin splint problem that had kept him off the circuit for two weeks, Agassi seemed quite untroubled by a recent hand operation.

RESULTS: B Becker (WG) bt M Wilander (Swe), 7-6, 6-7, 6-1; H Lecomte (Fr) bt S *Edberg (Swe)*, 6-4, 6-2; A Agassi (US) bt T Mayotte (US), 6-2, 6-4.

Luxury weekend and coaching from Laver

John Wright, a sponsorship consultant from Surbiton, will enjoy a luxury tennis weekend, including coaching from Rod Laver and Vijay Amritraj and tickets for the Nabisco Masters doubles tournament, as his prize for winning a competition presented by *The Times*.

Mr Wright, aged 29, a member of the New Malden club, and *a guest will enjoy overnight* accommodation at the five-star London Hilton Hotel on Park Lane tomorrow week. They will be joined by two friends in a box for four at the semi-finals. The tournament is recognized as the world championship of doubles.

A two-course meal with wine will be served and, either on Saturday or Sunday, courtesy of Nabisco, all four will share a court for techincal advice from Laver, a former holder of the grand slam, and Amritraj, one of the most colourful characters in the modern game.

Mr Wright said: "I am very pleased to have won. I was going to go anyway." And he is looking forward to advice from Laver: "I would like him to help my volley. He is still a good player — I saw him a few years ago."

Ten pairs of tickets to the evening session on December 7, *the opening day, have also been* won. The answers were: Flach and Seguso; Hamilton Jordan; Australia; Evert, Zvereva, Navratilova, Sabatini; Edberg and Jarryd.

WINNERS: D Constantinou, Lower Clifton Hill, Bristol; I Smyth, Pasture Grove, Leeds; A Taylor, Hume Crescent, Bridge of Allan; P Cartmell, Longcroft Avenue, Harpenden; D Rutherford, Church Crescent, Finchley; E Broadbent, Dalston Grove, Bartley Green, Birmingham; D Smith, Ravenswood Avenue, West Wickham; I Thomas, Saville Drive, Halifax; S Leyshon, Beech Close, Walton on Thames; M Craig, Noel Road, Islington.

CRICKET: OPENERS' MILESTONE BECKONS FOR GREENIDGE AND HAYNES

Hundreds elude the dominant partners

From John Woodcock
Perth

It is remarkable that neither Gordon Greenidge nor Desmond Haynes, the most experienced and talented pair of opening batsmen in world cricket, has scored a Test hundred in Australia.

In West Indies' last seven Test matches, of which they have won six and drawn one, only Greenidge (103 against England at Lord's in June) has reached three figures. Yet with fast bowling in a different class from their opponents it has hardly mattered.

Greenidge has played 24 Test innings over here with a top score of 95, Haynes 23 with a highest of 63. Only Hobbs and Sutcliffe and Lawry and Simpson ever made anything like as many Test runs together.

Greenidge and Haynes need only five more for their opening partnerships for West Indies, there have so far been 112, to be worth 5,000 runs. In 88 Tests Greenidge has scored 6,282 runs, including 15 hundreds, at an average of 46.8; Haynes's aggregate from 77 Tests is 4,593, including nine hundreds, at an average of 39.9.

Although, or perhaps because, they are so different, they complement each other admirably. While Greenidge broods, Haynes beams. To the gold chain round Haynes's neck is attached the precept "Live, love and laugh". Greenidge, the more formidable batsman of the two, is a man of few words.

When deciding not to re-engage Greenidge for next season, Hampshire had to set the taciturnity of his presence against the power of his strokeplay. With Haynes's personality, Greenidge might be a Freeman of Southampton by now; or, more likely, he would never have been the great player he is. When the two of them count their blessings, high on the list must be that they opened the batting for West Indies rather than against them.

Haynes is looking for a job which will allow him to live, love, laugh and play in Perth next winter when West Indies are without Test cricket for six months.

Of the English professionals who are here now, David Capel has been doing pretty well and Matthew Maynard has been making his share of runs for one of the weaker clubs. Paul Atkins, of Surrey, has come up with a hundred and Michael Roseberry, of Middlesex, with a fifty or two. What amazes West Australians is that England can afford not to find a place for Alex Stewart, who, for a year or two, has been showing them all how to play.

As England's women were beating New Zealand in the World Cup on Wednesday evening, at the Willeton Sports Club, there must have been more than 100 local cricketers of all ages playing there in nets that were beautifully kept, some of turf, others with artificial pitches.

The weather was perfect, the gathering cosmopolitan, the enthusiasm infectious, and there to cast an eye on the younger ones was someone from the Western Australian Cricket Association. I was told that something similar would have been happening simultaneously at some 15 clubs in the neighbourhood of Perth.

But if it gave one an idea of how Western Australia's recent record in the Sheffield Shield has been second to none, there were minuses too. Everyone, bar a couple of tiddlers, tore in to bowl as though he was a West Indian, or perhaps Dennis Lillee, and the bats the boys were using were palpably too heavy for them.

I am beginning to think that bat manufacturers the world over, who make cabers for their customers, do have an awful lot to answer for. Who, when quickness and wristwork are called for, would wisely use a heavy sword?



Eye level: Clive Lloyd studies the Test pitch. Tony King, his assistant, has an orthodox view

● **HYDERABAD:** New Zealand delayed announcing their side until this morning for the decisive third and final Test match here against India (AFP reports). A niggling ankle injury to Richard Hadlee forced the selectors to think in terms of adding a fifth bowler, possibly Chris Kuggeleijn, to the side.

"Hadlee will certainly play but I am not sure we can take the risk of playing only four bowlers, even though this worked well for us at Bombay," John Wright, the New Zealand captain, said yesterday.

The Indian seam bowler, Rashid Patel, who made an unsuccessful debut at Bombay, was likely to make way for Sanjeev Sharma.

SNOOKER

Davis determined to make amends

By Steve Acteson

The curtain rises today on snooker's newest tournament, the Everest World Matchplay, at the Brentwood Centre, Essex, an event which boasts a 12-man "elite" field and the game's first six-figure first prize of £100,000.

The plot for the Matchplay was devised by snooker's leading private entrepreneur, Barry Hearn, in conjunction with Frank Warren and Mark McCormack's television company, Trans World International (TWI), despite fierce early opposition from the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association.

TWI has sold the event worldwide, with ITV transmitting the series of head-to-heads between last season's best performers which formed the criteria for selection.

Despite the involvement of *the Matchroom chairman*, Hearn, however, the Matchplay is not just another benefit for his eight players. Indeed, neither the world No. 3, Neal Foulds, nor the withering Tony Meo gained selection. It does, though, provide an early vehicle for Steve Davis to show that the curtain is not yet ready to fall upon his domination.

At the beginning of the 1987-88 season, Davis, the world No. 1, declared that the way snooker was burgeoning there would soon come a time when players such as he would consider themselves to have done well just to win a single ranking tournament all term.

No case to answer

No disciplinary action will be taken against Fred Davis, aged 75, the former world billiards and snooker champion, following his withdrawal from a qualifying match last June when he had arthritis.

Confusion arose because he had not written officially to the governing body explaining his withdrawal.

He then proceeded to win four, including his fifth world championship and began this season by winning two more.

Defeat in the final of the BCE Canadian Masters by Jimmy White, his closest challenger in the rankings, was followed last week by a 9-3 crushing by Stephen Hendry in the Tennents United Kingdom Championship, a tournament Davis had won four years in a row and which prompted one supposedly knowledgable observer to say: "It's sad to say, but I think we are witnessing the end of an era."

Davis's reply to anybody of that opinion is "I think that that is a case of over-reaction. Any defeat hurts but I was not in the least concerned. When I lose I just start thinking about the next tournament."

Davis is not in action until next Wednesday.

TODAY'S ORDER OF PLAY: M Hallett (Eng) v W Thorne (Eng); T Griffiths (Wales) v P Francisco (SA); all matches best of 17 frames, sessions at 1pm and 7pm.

BASKETBALL

Successor faces a challenge

By Nicholas Harling

The candidates for the England coaching job, vacated yesterday, by David Titmuss will have good reason to wonder what they have let themselves in for as the English Basket Ball Association sifts through the applicants.

If he is unlucky, the successor to Titmuss will find himself in charge of a team incapable of mastering some of the game's basics, on the evidence of the incompetence of a 10-minute period in the first half of Wednesday's European championship tie against the Netherlands in Manchester's G-Mex Centre.

But if he strikes lucky, the new man will find himself with a team able to rise to the heights with the kind of spirit and endeavour that enabled England to ultimately reduce the Dutch victory margin to 71-65 in the final group A game of the championships. Titmuss, who is to devote all his time to his club, Hemel/Watford Royals from now, is to recommend his assistant, David Ransom, for the job.

The name being bandied about most is that of Bob Mitchell, the England junior coach. Danny Palmer, who was assistant to Titmuss's predecessor, Bill Beswick, makes no secret of his desire to be appointed. The former England captain, Dan Lloyd, is also likely to apply.

Salim is quick to capture top form

Cairns, Queensland (Reuter) — Salim Malik scored 126 from 111 balls as Pakistan began their tour of Australia by beating North Queensland by 96 runs in a limited-overs match here.

Salim, who scored 70 of his runs in boundaries, was involved in two big stands, 82 for the third wicket with Ijaz Ahmed and 128 for the fourth with Saeed Anwar. Ijaz made 43 and Saeed 59, both scoring at better than a run a ball.

The Pakistan captain, Imran Khan, had a quiet opening to the tour, scoring 12 and failing to take a wicket on the lifeless pitch. His 10 overs cost 33 runs.

North Queensland batted consistently to reach 204 for seven in response to the touring side's 300 for seven.

Pakistan, who have two matches against Queensland before the start of the World Series Cup on December 10, expect leg spinner Abdul Qadir and Saleem Jaffer, who is recovering from an arm injury, to join the tour party next week.

PAKISTANIS

Mudassar Nazar c Watson b Tickle	0
Ramiz Raja c Watson b Hogan	12
Salim Malik c Breen b Hogan	126
Ijaz Ahmed c Bennett b Watson	43
Saeed Anwar c O'Brien b Harris	59
†Saleem Yousuf c Watson b Tickle	12
*Imran Khan c London b Hogan	12
Wasim Akram not out	12
Tauseef Ahmed not out	9
Extras (lb 1, w 4, nb 10)	15
Total (7 wkts, 47 overs)	300

Aaqib Javed and Mohsin Kamal did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-14, 2-14, 3-96, 4-224, 5-255, 6-271, 7-281.

BOWLING: Tickle 9-0-80-2; Hogan 8-0-51-3; Keding 10-0-68-0; Watson 5-0-26-1; Bennett 10-1-67-0; Harris 5-0-27-1.

NORTH QUEENSLAND

E Harris run out	22
W London c Tauseef b Mudassar	52
T Oliver c Saleem b Aaqib	27
S Green run out	45
T Jelich c Kamal b Mudassar	2
B Bennett c Kamal b Akram	33
W Breen c Ijaz b Tauseef	0
A Watson not out	0
D Keding not out	0
Extras (lb 15, w 1, nb7)	23
Total (7 wkts, 47 overs)	204

A Tickle and G Hogan did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-48, 2-93, 3-121, 4-136, 5-200, 6-204, 7-204.

BOWLING: Imran 10-0-33-0; Akram 9-2-44-1; Aaqib 7-1-21-1; Kamal 8-0-39-0; Mudassar 8-1-38-2; Tauseef 5-1-14-1.

England work on eliminating extras

By Carol Salmon

Buoyed by their three-wicket win over New Zealand in Perth on Wednesday, England's tough opening in the fourth women's World Cup continues when they face the holders, Australia, in North Sydney tomorrow.

There are no injury worries in the 14-strong England party and the first task at their Sydney practice session was to work on eliminating the high number of extras conceded in the New Zealand match.

Twenty wides were conceded, with the seam bowlers unable to adapt to the stiffer interpretation of the Australian umpires.

There were also three no-balls and the total of 33 extras provided New Zealand with their third highest score in an innings of 186.

Australia entered having only lost one match in the four women's World Cups, the 1973 final to England. Their confidence was further boosted when they outclassed Netherlands by 255 runs in their opening match in Perth.

Australia did, however, make no secret of their delight in England's win over New Zealand. In recent years, New Zealand have got the better of Australia in the annual Shell Rosebowl limited-overs competition.

England are likely to be unchanged for the match tomorrow, but Australia may consider recalling the pace bowler, Sally Griffiths, who was left out against Netherlands.

England have a bye in Sunday's round of matches, which see Australia play Ireland and New Zealand face Netherlands, all in Sydney.

The unrelenting sunshine of Perth has been replaced by the unpredictable steamy heat of Sydney and the World Cup organizers breathed a sigh of relief when Melbourne emerged from a long spell of rain today.

So severe have been conditions in Melbourne that worries were already being voiced over the fitness of match venues when the tournament moves south on December 9.

HOCKEY

England's World Cup plans

By Sydney Friskin

England's preparation for the 1990 World Cup tournament at Lahore begins with an indoor training weekend at Aldenham School Sports Centre from December 16 to 18, to which 19 players have been invited.

The immediate aim is to select an indoor team for the HDM tournament at The Hague from January 13 to 15 and the home countries quadrangular meeting in Glasgow on January 21 and 22. Scotland have also announced their training squad for these tournaments.

Attention will later be focused by England on selecting teams from the same squad for *outdoor events which include* matches in Amsterdam against Netherlands and India from March 24 to 27, three matches early in June against the visiting Australians and the Champions Trophy tournament in Berlin later in the month. Meanwhile, England have decided not to accept the invitation to participate in the Indira Gandhi tournament at Lucknow in January.

ENGLAND SQUAD: D *Faulkner (Havant* and Fareham), M Grimley (Hounslow and St Albans), A Halliday (St Albans), J Hallo (Old Loughtonians), R Hill (Taunton Vale and Firebrands), I Jennings (Old Loughtonians and St Albans), S Kerly (Southgate), M Langston (Wakefield), R Leman (East Grinstead), P Nell (Havant and Fareham), S Phillips (Isca and Firebrands), J Potter (Hounslow and East Grinstead), M Riley (Taddington), S Rowlands (Havant), Imran Sherwani (Stourport), K Stamp (Wrekin), G Taylor (Stourport), N Thompson (Old Loughtonians), R Thompson (Hounslow). SCOTLAND SQUAD: M Wilson, J Crosby, T Hay, A Scouller, R Plevin, K Knapp, M Yellowlees, A Key (all MIM), J Carlisle, J Cushley. *Dance: S Jones/P Askham*; K Quinn/A Abrahi. World team: Women: J Conway. Men: Newberry. Pairs: Peake/Naylor and Cushley/Cushley. *Dance:* Jones/Askham.

BOWLS

Britain dominates in finals

From David Rhys Jones, Auckland

England, Ireland and Wales are all represented in the finals today, emphasizing the British superiority in the sixth women's world championships.

Margaret Johnston, of Ireland, who won the pairs title last week, qualified yesterday for the singles final by beating Geua Tau, of Papua New Guinea, 21-16, and Maria Gismondi, of Argentina, 21-8.

Johnston, always the favourite to win the singles title, did well to recover from early setbacks when she lost to Wendy Line and Novi Browning in her first four games. But she has only occasionally shown the class expected of a potential world champion.

Janet Ackland, from Penarth, who opposes Johnston in the final has arrived unannounced and by stealth, and without the entourage that accompanies Johnston.

Ackland, needing to beat Helen Graham, a Scottish-born Zambian, tiptoed nervously into the final, 21-16, after squandering a 10-1 lead.

England's four includes the triple. Norma Shaw, Jayne Roylance and Barbara Fuller, who won the silver medal last week, strengthened by the inclusion of Mary Price at three.

They lost only one game on their way to the final, though their narrow, not to say lucky escape against Ireland on Wednesday was repeated yesterday when Price bounced the jack back up the green for a match-winning count against Hong Kong.

A British monopoly was averted by Australia, who, though they lost astonishingly to the Cook Islands in their final round-robin game, kept Wales in second place in section B of the fours event. The fours final between Australia and England gives Barbara Fuller's team a chance to reverse the result of the triples final last week.

Millie Khan, of New Zealand, seeks some crumbs from the master's table when she plays Maraia Lum On, of Fiji, for the bronze medal. Khan beat Senga McCrone in one of the best matches of the week to deny the Scot a chance of the medal that had always appeared within her grasp. The host country's much-vaunted team has been a severe disappointment, and Khan is keen to salvage some local pride.

Wales play Ireland not only in the singles final, but also in the fours bronze play-off. Linda Parker's Welsh four form a compatible unit, with the vastly experienced Margaret Pomeroy at two, and it will be interesting to see if the Irish four, who seem to be tiring, can persevere to the end. Skipped by Nan Allely, Ireland lost tamely and heavily to Western Samoa yesterday after impressing for a long sequence of matches.

The special award to the top team in the championships, taking the final places in all events into consideration, is never made until the last bowl has been played.

With one day remaining, however, England, whose worst result came in the singles where Wendy Line finished in seventh place, cannot be caught, Australia are safe in second place, and Ireland, though they might finish with two gold medals and a bronze, will have to be content with making the frame.

CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

SINGLES: Section A: Tenth round: M Richardson (Aus) 21, A Soh (Sing), 11; M Khan (NZ) 21, J Haggerty (Kan) 3; L Gordon (Zim) 21, V Farsimo (W Samoa) 11; J Ackland (Wales) 21, J Schindler (US) 13; S McCrone (Scot) 21, N Browning (Norfolk Is) 14; H Graham (Zam) 21, D Macey (Can) 15. **Eleventh round:** Macey 21, Richardson 19; Khan 21, McCrone 18; Gordon 21, Schindler 12; Ackland 21, Graham 15; Browning 21, Haggerty 10; Soh 21, Farsimo 19. **Section B: Tenth round:** M Lum On (Fiji) 21, W Line (Eng) 12; M Johnston (Ire) 21, G Tau (PNG) 18; B Anderson (Bot) 21, M Jankiewiltz (Isr) 13; S Syvret (Jer) 21, J Humphries (HK) 11; F Bougourd (Guer) 21, M Gismondi (Arg) 8; R Akaruru (Cook Is), bye. **Eleventh round:** Lum On 21, Anderson 8; Line 21, Jankiewiltz 9; Johnston 21, Gismondi 8; Tau 21, Bougourd 7; Akaruru 21, Humphries 14; Syvret, bye. **Play-offs: Fifth place:** McCrone 25, Akaruru 13. **Seventh place:** Line 25, Richardson 17. **Ninth place:** Syvret 25, Soh 12. **Eleventh place:** Macey 25, Anderson 7. **Thirteenth place:** Humphries 25, Browning 14. **Fifteenth place:** Tau 25, Gordon 19. **Seventeenth place:** Graham 25, Bougourd 19. **Nineteenth place:** Jankiewiltz 25, Farsimo 24. **Twenty-first place:** Schindler 25, Gismondi 21. **Twenty-third place:** Haggerty.

FOURS: Section A: Tenth round: Scotland (S Gourlay, N Mulholland, A Evans, F Whyte) 20, United States 9; Singapore 13, Hong Kong 10; Canada 13, Israel 11; Ireland (W Elliott, P Nolan, E Bell, N Allely) 13, Argentina 8; Western Samoa 21, Kenya 10; England (N Shaw, J Roylance, *M Price, B Fuller*), bye. **Eleventh round:** Scotland 22, Israel 14; England 16, Hong Kong 14; Western Samoa 21, Ireland 9; Canada 15, United States 13; Singapore 15, Kenya 10; Argentina, bye. **Section B: Tenth round:** Australia 15, Botswana 7; New Zealand 14, Zambia 14; Zimbabwe 18, Cook Islands 8; Papua New Guinea 20, Norfolk Island 9; Guernsey (A Simon, H White, P Le Tissier, J Nicolle) 17, Fiji 12; Wales (P Griffiths, M Hughes, L Parker, M Pomeroy), bye. **Eleventh round:** Cook Islands 16, Australia 5; Papua New Guinea 14, Zimbabwe 9; Wales 13, Fiji 8; Botswana 23, Guernsey 6; Zambia 17, Norfolk Island 8; New Zealand, bye. **Play-offs: Fifth place:** Zimbabwe 23, Hong Kong 14. **Seventh place:** Papua New Guinea 21, Scotland 9. **Ninth place:** Western Samoa 18, Cook Islands 16. **Eleventh place:** New Zealand 23, Canada 16. **Thirteenth place:** Israel 27, Botswana 15. **Fifteenth place:** Guernsey 32, Singapore 9. **Seventeenth place:** Zambia 31, United States 14. **Nineteenth place:** Norfolk Island 20, Argentina 12. **Twenty-first place:** Fiji 28, Kenya 28.

ICE HOCKEY

Wasps hit top form before final

By Norman de Mesquita

British ice hockey's first showcase event of the season, the Norwich Union Cup final, faces off tomorrow afternoon at Birmingham's National Exhibition Centre and will be covered live on BBC television's *Grandstand*.

Durham Wasps are the English finalists, as expected, but Tayside Tigers have come through the Scottish section against the odds.

They started the competition with two defeats, including one at home to fancied Murrayfield Racers, but then strung together six wins, including the vital one away to the Racers which clinched their final place.

Their leading scorer was Craig Homola with 20 goals and 20 assists, but he has since been replaced by Dave Stoyanovich, who has scored 14 goals in only five Heineken League games since his arrival. Add to this Rick Fera's 46 goals this season and obviously the Tigers do not lack scoring potential.

But will it be enough? The Wasps are playing some of their best hockey under the guidance of their player-coach, Mike O'Connor, and their depth of British talent is the envy of most clubs.

They are unbeaten after 22 League and Cup games this season and have lost only once in 34 games since last March. This is their fourth NUC Final in five years and they will surely retain the trophy

Except that, when the final was last played at the NUC, Nottingham Panthers, contrary to all known form, beat Fife Flyers in overtime and the Wasps must beware of over-confidence.

SPORTS BOOKS

Pleasurable pitstop to relive Walker's year

Continuing the selection by correspondents of* The Times *of the best of this year's sports books, John Blunsden looks at the motor-racing shelf.

The championships have been won, the circuits are silent, but once again motor racing will be re-enacted through the pages of *the rash of annuals which flow* from publishers during the weeks before Christmas.

As last year, this particular race has been won by First Formula Publishing, the first copy of whose *Murray Walker's Grand Prix Year*, a small-format but high-quality softback about the 1988 Formula One scene, came off the presses less than 94 hours after Murray stepped off the plane at Heathrow clutching his final words from the Australian Grand Prix.

Walker's infectious enthusiasm for his work comes through in his characteristically high-revving prose, which once again is supported by John Townsend's colourful photography and some slick caption writing, while his dedicated "beavering" in the paddock area shows through in the depth of his race analyses.

This book does not seek to challenge the well-established market for the luxurious heavyweight annuals, the elaborate production of which means that even the earliest is rarely available until a week or two before the holiday. Healthy competition between the "big three" heavyweights — *Autocourse* (Hazleton/Osprey), *Automobile Year*, and *Grand Prix: World Formula One Championship* (both Motor Racing Publications) — tends to ensure ever higher standards of production each year, as a preview of some of the content of the latest editions of all three books has confirmed.

Nigel Mansell's autobiography, *Driven to Win* (Stanley Paul), written with Derick Allsop, portrays a young man who has overcome considerable adversity to achieve his richly deserved success, who clearly enjoys the lifestyle which his hard-earned wealth has given him, but whose days would still be somewhat empty but for his wife and children. His comments on some of his contemporaries and associates, which range from admiration to hatred, add considerable spice to this volume.

***Green Dust* (Portobello Publishing) is an apt title for the history of motor racing in Ireland from 1900 to 1939, which Brendan Lynch has written with such dedication. A true labour of love, the book recalls every event staged in the island, from sand races at Duncannon to the open-road Tourist Trophy at Ards and the Irish Grand Prix in Phoenix Park, Dublin, and from little-known club drivers to the likes of Campbell, Cobb, Birs and Segrave during an era when people went motor racing for the sheer love of the sport, not the monetary rewards.**

● *Murray Walker's Grand Prix Year* (First Formula Publishing, £6.50).

● *Autocourse 1988-89* (Hazleton/Osprey, £19.95).

● *Automobile Year 1988-1989* (Motor Racing Publications, £22.95).

● *Grand Prix: Formula One World Championship 1988* (Motor Racing Publications, £14.95).

● *Green Dust: Ireland's Unique Motor Racing History 1900-1939* by Brendan Lynch (Portobello Publishing, £13.95).

● *Driven to Win* By Nigel Mansell with Derick Allsop (Stanley Paul, £10.95).

ICE SKATING

Martin picked for Europe

John Martin, from Kyle, the revelation at this week's national championships, received due reward yesterday by being chosen for the British team to contest the European championships in Birmingham from January 17 to 21 (Michael Coleman writes). Martin's blemish-free performance on Wednesday night in the national title contest lifted him to a totally unexpected second place behind Christian Newberry.

By the curious mathematics of figure skating, the Scot's fine free performance also hoisted the rather lack-lustre Christian Newberry both to the title and to selection for the Paris world championships, March 14 to 19.

EUROPE TEAM: Women: J Conway, J Soames. Men: C Newberry, J Martin. Pairs: C Peake/A Naylor, L Cushley/N Cushley. *Dance:* S Jones/P Askham; K Quinn/A Abrahi. World team: Women: J Conway. Men: Newberry. Pairs: Peake/Naylor and Cushley/Cushley. *Dance:* Jones/Askham.

RUGBY UNION

Stricken Midlands may face North without Richards

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

London, who play the South and South-West at Gloucester, have been forced to make two amendments to their side for the opening round tomorrow of the Toshiba divisional championship. The Midlands, in worse case against the North, have had to make three and may yet be without Richards, the England No. 8.

Harriman, the Harlequins wing who received his first England cap against Australia last month, has damaged ankle ligaments and his place goes to Smith (Wasps). Another Wasp is less fortunate: Rendall, the England loose-head prop, has a calf injury and is replaced by Curtis (Harlequins).

The Midlands, who play last season's champions at Otley, will be without Dodge (Leicester), Hodgkinson (Nottingham) and Thomas (Coventry) for the journey north. Dodge pulled a hamstring playing against Harlequins last weekend and Musto, the Nottingham utility back, will play at centre.

There was always a query over Thomas, who has been struggling with an injured knee for some weeks: he was unable to lead Warwickshire in their county championship win over the North Midlands on Wednesday and the scrum-half place goes to Robson (Moseley), who toured Australia and Fiji with England last summer.

Hodgkinson, the Nottingham stand-off half and Midlands full back and goal-kicker, has withdrawn with a heavily bruised pelvis. He will be replaced by Harris, the Leicester deputy stand-off, while the prospects of Richards recovering from a shoulder injury are rated no higher than 60-40 by Alan Davies, the beleaguered Midlands coach whose casualty list of potential replacement backs already included Bates (Leicester), Steele (Northampton) and Jones (Nottingham).

Wales, who today name their team to play Romania in Cardiff on December 10, must make at least two changes from the side which beat Western Samoa last month. The two Halls, Wayne (Bridgend's hooker) and Mike (the Cambridge centre), are unavailable, the former because of injury, the latter because of his commitment to play in the University match next Tuesday.

It is conceivable, therefore, that Ford (Cardiff) — reinstated by the Welsh Rugby Union this year after being suspended because of playing in a rugby league trial — may find a place on the wing. Mike Hall played in that position against the Samoans, the match in which Carwyn Davies, the Llanelli wing, was injured while two other previously capped wings, Ieuan Evans (Llanelli) and Webbe (Bridgend) are not fit.

Still doubt on Norster

Wales should know early next week whether they will be without the lock forward, Bob Norster, for the international against Romania in Cardiff tomorrow week (Peter Bills writes).

Norster returns to a specialist on Monday for further examination of the hand he damaged playing for the Barbarians against Australia. The hand is too swollen at present to determine the extent of the trouble and Norster says: "The damage is to the tendon that runs over the back of the hand. I have been told it might need a minor operation to stitch it internally, although I am hoping that won't be necessary.

"It feels slightly better than it did and I am optimistic. However, I won't play in the international unless I am confident about it. I cannot play for Cardiff at Swansea this weekend and I am hoping the injury will settle down after a weekend's rest."

Hart back as NZ selector

By David Hands

John Hart, who helped weld Auckland into arguably the most powerful provincial side in the world, was returned yesterday to the New Zealand selection panel after a year away. Hart displaced Earle Kirton — once of Harlequins — and joins Alex Wyllie (convenor) and Lane Penn on the panel.

Hart and Wyllie were co-selectors with Brian Lochore of the All Blacks party which won the World Cup last year, and Hart coached New Zealand on tour in Japan in the autumn. But a year ago he offered himself only as convenor — that is, coach to the national side — and the New Zealand Rugby Union council opted for Wyllie ahead of him.

This offers the prospect of Wyllie and Hart preparing the New Zealand sides which will play France during the summer and tour Wales and Ireland next autumn — a formidable combination. New Zealand XVs over the last three years have been full of Auckland players familiar with Hart's perceptive methods.

New Zealand will introduce next year a punitive system of red and yellow cards, as in football. Having abandoned the sin-bin earlier this year, they will adopt the system in domestic matches, with two yellow cards in the same match leading to immediate expulsion.

The council will also submit to the International Rugby Football Board proposals that all six replacements in international matches may be used and that a front-row forward injured during a game may be replaced without reference to medical opinion; as the law now stands, replacements can only be used after a doctor says an injured player cannot continue.

Wellington keep up unbeaten run

Schools rugby by Michael Stevenson

Wellington continued their wonderful season, which has brought 10 wins from 10 matches, with a hard-fought 18-12 victory over Tonbridge. Fitness may have been the crucial factor as, with 15 minutes to go, Tonbridge were leading 12-8. But Wellington's 10 points in the last 10 minutes plus a 4-1 try-count proved decisive.

Gresham's, also unbeaten, scored 12 tries in their masterful 69-6 victory over St Joseph's, Ipswich. Their full back, Allison, stage-managed a real *tour de force* with 29 points himself.

A points count of 207 for and 101 against and eight wins from 11 matches confirm that Blundell's, who also play on a strong circuit, are having a good season. They lost 17-12 to King's, Taunton, and 13-3 to both Sherborne and Bryanston. Three of their more satisfying victories were against Clifton (25-6), Canford (27-6) and Taunton (24-9). They have seven of their team in the Devon 18-group squad.

Rydal's light and inexperienced side have had their problems this winter but, following a nervous victory over Denstone (16-14), with both sides kicking late penalties, they managed a highly creditable 4-4 draw against Llandovery.

Worksop, along with QEGS Penrith, Owen's and Mount St Mary's, visited France on their half-term tours and competed in a six-team tournament at Meymac, Corrèze.

Worksop beat QEGS (4-0) but lost to Brive. Mount St Mary's beat Ussel (12-6) and Owen's (16-4). Worksop lost their semi-final (0-4) to Ussel but Brive proved much too strong for Mount St Mary's, winning the final (20-0).

The Leys have eight wins from nine matches to their credit, losing only to Oakham (21-16). They bounced back commendably with a good win against Felsted (14-6) with a 3-0 try count and 14 men for half the game.

Milton Abbey have been beaten narrowly by Bryanston, King's Bruton, Wells Cathedral School and Bishop Wordsworth but to offset these have good wins to report against Canford Second XV, Dauntsey's, Shaftesbury and Dorchester Colts.

One of the most pleasing wins for St Paul's was at Epsom (12-14). St Paul's scored two tries to one and seemed to be cruising comfortably when their No. 8, Munroe-Davies, went off with a cut eye.

Colfe's are having a rather disappointing season. They lost narrowly to Emmanuel, Judd, Sevenoaks and Dartford, only losing decisively to Campion. They have beaten St Olave's and Maidstone.

RGS Worcester have been in fine fettle. Their only loss was to Cheltenham (26-13) and they have won the other nine of their 10 matches. They beat Warwick (26-0), Loughborough GS (22-9) and Bristol GS (32-10). They have scored 45 tries, more or less equally divided

In a mixed season, St Edward's, Liverpool, appreciated their hard struggle against their neighbours and rivals, St Anselm's, Birkenhead, whom they beat 10-6 after a scoreless first half.

Rossall's strength takes toll

By Michael Stevenson

Rossall School 19
Trinity GS, Sydney 3

Trinity Grammar School, who fielded a mixture of under-16 and senior players, showed great spirit at Fleetwood yesterday where Rossall's superior strength brought them command in the final quarter.

A biting wind made handling difficult and Fearn, the Rossall stand-off half, did not have the happiest of games in the taxing conditions.

It was 3-3 at half-time, through a penalty from Fearn and one by Day for the visitors, but Trinity had squandered two clear cut scoring chances. Their large lock, Savage, masqueraded as a centre to the detriment of one promising move and then Peacock passed too early to the right wing. Demetriou, who was nobbled by the cover.

With the icy, diagonal wind slightly favouring Rossall, the Australians were soon under extreme pressure in the second half and they took down a scrum to concede a penalty try which Fearn converted.

Cunningham poached a Trinity heel near the line and Lee scored, for Fearn to convert, and soon afterwards Lee scored

SCORERS: Rossall: Tries: Lee (2). Penalty try. Conversions: Fearn (2) Penalty: Fearn. Trinity GS: Penalty: Day.
ROSSALL: S Holmes; J Forrester, C Mawdsley, T Stephenson, A Roberts; A Fearn, G Wilson; R Baldwin, I Salkeld, A Pickering, G Gatenby, M Easher, D Blyth, G Cunningham, J Lee.
TRINITY GS: S Day; A Demetriou, E Campbell, C Lawrenson, M Chan; J Peacock, A Roy; A Blackshaw, M Okey, B Smith, G Thompson, B Savage, M Darby, A Avenarius, S Leader.
Referee: C Davies (Manchester).

Ocean race that begins in a puddle


NICK ROGERS

Making a splash: potential services yachtsmen flounder through the course at Aldershot

Services seek few to carry revitalized yachting hopes

By Mick Cleary

Aldershot is a funny place to start a life on the ocean wave. Not a boat to be seen; not a coastline for many a mile; and not a drop of water in sight. Unless, that is, you count the numerous dishwater-grey puddles all about.

And count them is exactly what a hundred or so would-be sailors did as they strode, slashed or even crawled their way through every one of them. Aldershot may not be the most aquatic place on earth, but, as the Army is proud to maintain, as a place for testing the physique and psyche there is nowhere finer.

Especially when there is £3 million at stake. That is the amount the combined services have raised through private sponsorship to mount a challenge for next year's Whitbread Round The World yacht race. The boat itself will cost £1.7 million and is due to be launched next February.

It is the services' first entry for 10 years and they are making sure that they get the right crew for such an investment. Or crews, to be precise. For the plan is to have three crews of 15 who will be interchanged at various stages of the race. The last 100 of the 400 applicants were being sieved at Aldershot yesterday.

It was very much a shoulders-back, stiff-upper-lip sort of day. The aim of a three-part physical test seemed to be to try to break the sinews and then the spirit of all concerned. On an eerily dank morning the unsuspecting candidates — "I thought we might just have to chart a few maps or rig a few sails," one complained — were led off into the mist.

The sharp, clipped tones of the drill sergeant rang out from afar. Then, one-by-bedraggled-one, they came back into view. You would not have found this lot at Cowes in high season, with their mud-streaked, sweat-soaked tracksuits rapidly disappearing behind their own steam.

A phalanx of physical training instructors had shepherded them from one side to the next. Sympathetic, but in an intimidating sort of way — "No. 53, your teeth are chattering, run on the spot" — they were on the lookout for any sign of weakness. Some of the applicants were not even regular sailors.

According to General Carlier, recently returned from commanding the British forces in the Falklands, it mattered little. "Compatibility is the crucial thing," he said. "They have got to be able to get on with each other."

There was a lot of willing support for the five women who were battling through the mire with the best of them. If selected, Flt Lt Stan Alexander, aged 27, from RAF Wroughton, may have the easiest job of all the specialists on the crew: she is a midwife. "Doing this makes a nice change from babies' bottoms," she gasped, before setting off on a two-mile hike carrying a log.

It was a tortuous three-hour physical session. If that failed to break them, then the probing two-hour psychological test which lay before them in the afternoon might. Yet, through the adversity, they remembered their lines to the end. "How do you feel?" one of the women was asked. "I'm absolutely exhausted," she said, then paused and added: "But happy."

EQUESTRIANISM

Rivals contest high stakes

By Jenny MacArthur

The two giants of European show jumping, John Whitaker's Next Milton and Pierre Durand's Olympic Gold Medal winning horse, Jappeloup de Luze, who should have confronted each other in Seoul had Next Milton been allowed to go, will meet instead at the Bordeaux Volvo World Cup which begins today.

The show, one of the most competitive in the series of 12 qualifiers, has increased its prize money by nearly 50 per cent and is offering one million francs (£100,000) over the three days of competition.

Durand and Whitaker have a special affinity with the show. Whitaker won the event in 1984 on Clonee Temple and in 1985 on Next Milton. Durand, who lives just outside the city and who thrives in front of his adoring home crowd, won with Jappeloup de Luze in 1986 and has never finished outside the top seven in the last six years.

For this year's qualifier on Sunday, Whitaker, on recent form, must start as favourite. While Jappeloup de Luze has been resting after his trip to Seoul, Next Milton, benefiting from his rest during the Olympic Games, has won record prize money in the last two months: £40,000 at Wembley in October, £5,000 plus a Mercedes at Stuttgart in West Germany last month and, a week later, £3,000 in his first World Cup event of the season at Amsterdam where he was fourth

Although the Rob Ehrens, of the Netherlands, the current leader in the European League of the World Cup after his wins at Helsinki and Amsterdam, will not be competing this weekend — he sold his leading horse, Olympic Sunrise, for £300,000 to the American, Bernie Traurig, last month — Durand and Whitaker face strong opposition from the West Germans. They are sending three members of their Olympic gold medal winning team: Franke Sloothaak (Walzerkoenig), Ludger Beerbaum (Landlord) and Wolfgang Brinkmann (Pedro).

Britain's five-strong team is the best it can muster. In addition to Whitaker, it consists of Nick Skelton (Serenade), Robert Smith (April Sun), Michael Whitaker (Next Flarepath) and David Broome (Queensway Countryman).

Broome, though not interested in qualifying for the final in Florida in April, is attracted by the high prize money at Bordeaux. "I wouldn't go even if I qualified," he said yesterday. "I never do any good at the final.

Whitaker makes no bones about his intention to qualify for the final. He is competing at three World Cup meetings in succession with Next Milton, Bordeaux, Brussels and Olympia, in a attempt to qualify before Christmas. He has been at every final since the competition started in 1979 but has yet to improve on his joint third place with Ryan's Son in 1982.

FOOTBALL

Liverpool ready to announce their verdict on Molby

By Ian Ross

Jan Molby, the Danish international, will this morning be given the opportunity to resurrect his career with Liverpool.

Molby, aged 25, was released from Preston prison yesterday morning after serving six weeks of a three-month sentence imposed on October 17 for reckless driving. His future will be discussed at a top level meeting at Anfield where he will meet with John Smith, the Liverpool chairman, Peter Robinson, the club's chief executive and Kenny Dalglish, the team manager.

Although Liverpool have declined to discuss the affair since announcing, on October 20, that Molby's wages had been suspended as he was technically in breach of his contract, a statement is expected to be issued at lunchtime today.

Molby will be asked to explain his actions and, if he is to remain with the club, give an undertaking about his future behaviour. He may also be asked to make some form of public apology for the embarrassment he has caused to British football's most successful ever club.

While Liverpool have been understandably reluctant to express any form of public support for Molby during his imprisonmnent, it is clear that they are ready to forgive if not forget.

The player himself is also thought to be keen to prolong his association with the Football League champions while fully aware that he could, if he so wished, secure a financially lucrative move to the continent.

Molby, who joined Liverpool from Ajax of Amsterdam in 1984, has made 147 senior appearances for the club.

To evade a posse of media representatives, the Dane was smuggled out of the prison at the end of the night shift in the boot of a warder's car. He was then driven to the car park at Deepdale, the home of Preston North End Football Club, where he climbed out of the boot, and into his own car, which was being driven by a friend.

"At the request of Mr Molby, one of my senior staff did take him out in the boot of his car. As far as is possible, the prison will try to protect a prisoner's anonimity," Kevin Rogers, the deputy governor, said.

Cup defeat fires Kidderminster

Non-League football by Paul Newman

Kidderminster Harriers go to Newport County tomorrow hoping to maintain a remarkable improvement in their fortunes in the past five weeks.

Since a miserable October, in which they suffered three successive GM Vauxhall Conference defeats and went out of the FA Cup, Kidderminster have won five league games in succession and opened a four-point gap at the top of the table.

The cup defeat at Stafford Rangers could prove to have been a turning point in Kidderminster's season. Graham Allner, the manager, said: "After that match I told the players that with the league games we could play through being out of the cup we could get to the top of the table by the time of the second round. We've done just that — and ahead of schedule.

"We've deliberately got in a lot of games early this season. By January 7 we will have played 27 league matches and will have only six left away from home. As we normally do better in the second half of the season I'm delighted with our present position. Going to the top of the table can frighten some teams, but it has inspired us."

Kidderminster are determined to be ready if they are given the chance of promotion to the Football League and they hope to begin work early next year on a £450,000 scheme involving improvements to terracing, turnstiles, safety barriers and crowd segregation.

In terms of players, Kidderminster appear well equipped for League football. The club's successful reserve and youth sides are providing a steady stream of players for the first team, more than half of whom are 23 or under. Only four memebers of the side that won the FA Trophy last year, Brazier, Barton, Davies and Tuohy, are now first team regulars.

A fifth member of the Wembley team, the prolific goalscorer Casey, is returning to fitness in the reserves after breaking a leg. "Having him available again is like having the chairman say that even though we're top we can go out tomorrow and buy the best player in non-League football," Allner said.

Boxall is the only other injured absentee for the trip to Newport, who, after a dreadful start, have lost only two of their last eight Conference matches.

Newport are one point behind the club fourth from bottom, Enfield, who entertain second placed Kettering Town tomorrow. Macclesfield Town, in third place, are at home to Stafford, and fourth plays fifth when Maidstone United entertain Barnet.

The bottom two clubs, Aylesbury United and Weymouth, were due to meet but Weymouth have to go to Guernsey for a Dorset Senior Cup match against a club called Northerners.

Stuart Morgan, the Weymouth manager, said: "We should be concentrating on our league form, but at least this break gives us a chance to get players available again. We had five regulars out through injury or suspension for our last league match."

● Three HFS Loans League clubs have new managers. Gary Saxby, who will be assisted by his brother, Mike, has taken charge at Alfreton Town; Mick Heaton, formerly assistant to Howard Kendall at Everton, succeeds Ian Hall, who was dismissed by Workington last week; and Alan Humphries replaces Brian Fidler, who resigned at Worksop Town.

● John Murphy, who resigned as manager of Cheltenham Town earlier this season, has been appointed manager of Trowbridge Town, the Beazer Homes League club.

BOXING

Tired McKenzie given time to regain snap

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

Duke McKenzie was yesterday given time to rediscover his old snap, which was missing during his bout with Artemio Ruiz, a former Mexican flyweight champion, at the Elephant and Castle recreation centre on Wednesday night.

After the contest, McKenzie, whose accuracy was not up to its usual standard, said he needed a rest. Yesterday he succeeded in a request to his manager, Mickey Duff, to postpone his first International Boxing Federation flyweight title defence which had been due on January 18 at the Albert Hall.

"I felt tired. There was no snap in me," McKenzie said. "I have spent 18 months preparing for a world title fight and I have been champion now for the last six weeks and it has left me jaded and drained. Everything has just caught up with me."

Duff, agreeing to move the date, said: "It will now be February or even March. I'm going to America on Saturday and I'll be looking at possible opponents while I'm there."

On the other hand, Gary Mason, Terry Lawless's heavyweight, would do well to keep on boxing and take on Trevor Hughroy Currie for the vacant British title while his win over his first "name" heavyweight, James Tillis, of Oklahoma, is still fresh in his mind, perhaps on the January date.

By stopping Tillis in the fifth round, Mason equalled the feat of his stablemate, Frank Bruno, and joined an elite club of world-class heavyweights to have stopped the Oklahoman. It will have done Mason's confidence a world of good.

Even if Tillis had come out of retirement for this assignment, there was some smart boxing from him. He made Mason work every step of the way and take some heavy blows. By the end Mason knew he had been in a scrap, which was a new experience for the unbeaten heavyweight who had won all but one of his 27 contests inside the distance.

After three or four more contests Mason may think of taking on Francesco Damiani, of Italy, the world No. 2 after Bruno.

REAL TENNIS

Cornwallis is a faller at second hurdle

Magda Groszek defeated Melvyn Pignon, the former captain of the England women's hockey team, 6-5, 6-5 in the second round of the George Wimpey women's open singles championship at Queen's Club, London, yesterday after Pignon has led 5-3 in both sets (William Stephens writes).

Alex Warren-Piper, last year's runner-up, defeated Charlotte Cornwallis 6-0, 6-2 after Cornwallis had won a tough first match against Alison Cockroft by 4-6, 6-1, 6-0.

Warren-Piper now plays Rosalind Lake who beat Jill Brown 6-5, 6-0, while Groszek meets Penny Fellows, the French Open champion, who eliminated Lesley Ronaldson, a former British Open champion, by 6-2, 6-3.

RESULTS: First round: G Dean bt J Vaughan, 6-3, 6-3; C Cornwallis bt A Cockroft, 4-6, 6-1, 6-0; R Lake bt E David, 6-4, 6-1; J Page bt S Macintosh, 6-3, 6-2; L Ronaldson bt F Macintosh, 6-4, 3-0 (ret). Second round: S Jones bt Dean, 6-0, 6-1; A Warren-Piper bt Cornwallis, 6-0, 6-2; Lake bt J Brown, 6-5, 6-0, M Briggs bt P Danby, 6-1, 6-4; M Groszek bt M Pignon, 6-5, 6-5, P Fellows bt Ronaldson, 6-2, 6-3. Men's open singles, quarter-final: L Deuchar (unrat) bt D Johnson (Queen's) 6-1, 6-5, 5-6, 6-1.
Men's open doubles, quarter final: J Howell (Bordeaux) and K Sheldon (Leamington) bt M Dean and C Ronaldson (Hampton Court), 6-1, 6-2, 3-6, 3-6, 6-4.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

Barclays League
Third division
Southend v P Vale (7.45) .....

Fourth division
Halifax v Crewe .....
Torquay v Cambridge .....
Tranmere v Doncaster .....

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Crusaders v Bangor.
OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Reading v Charlton (1.30).

OTHER SPORT

BADMINTON: Carlton/Vauxhall challenge (Crawley).
DARTS: Winmau world masters (Kensington).
SNOOKER: World Match Play championship (Brentwood).
SWIMMING: Milk in Action Grand Prix (Dundee); Barnet short course meet (Barnet).
TENNIS: LTA winter indoor county championships (various venues).

SPORT ON TV

BASEBALL 1988: ITV 4-5 a.m. (tomorrow).
DARTS: ITV 11.05 p.m-12.30 a.m.: Winmau World masters from the Rainbow Suite, Kensington, London.
SPORT ON FRIDAY: BBC2 2.15-3.50 p.m.: Sporting choice: Steve Davis and Barry Hearn discuss their favourite sporting moments. Sports Personality of the Year: A rundown of the contenders.

TRY THIS

Paul Maher's suggestion for a sporting day out

BRITISH RHYTHMIC INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS: Based on dance, this form of gymnastics requires each competitor to perform a series of leaps, skips, jumps and throws, using hand apparatus, to the accompaniment of music. Rope, hoop, ball and ribbon are the four disciplines.

Tomorrow at Worcester, competitors will attempt to impress the judges with their interpretation of the music and the choreography of their routine. With four apparatus titles to be won, good body technique and general impression will also count towards overall marking.

The retirement of the individual senior champion, Lisa Black, of the Northampton club, after the Olympic Games, has left the competition open. Favoured for the championship is Alicia Sands, of Coventry, who won in 1987.

However, she can expect strong opposition from two junior prospects, Joanne Rose, the junior individual champion, and Sonia Harris, both of Coventry. They are competing as a result of the revised grading structure in which gymnasts, who have progressed from the junior ranks, forego the probationary year at senior level if they have the necessary marks.

How to get there: The championships are at Perdiswell Sports Centre, Bilford Road, Worcester (Tel 0905-57189). Admission is £1.50 for adults and 75p for children and pensioners. Competition starts at 10.15 a.m. until 6.15 p.m.

FOR THE RECORD

BADMINTON

PONTYPRIDD: Wales 3, Ireland 4 (Welsh names first): Women's singles: C Vigar lost to M Moynihan, 3-11, 4-11. Men's singles: C Rees bt L McKenna, 15-8, 15-5; P Hydart lost to J Colfor, 9-15, 9-18. Men's doubles: A Spencer and P Sutton bt M O'Meara and W Thompson, 17-18, 15-5, 15-12; A Carlotti and R Burton lost to P Ferguson and R Kaag, 1-15, 3-15. Women's doubles: S Doody and H Tarleton lost to H Lane and C Doherty, 15-11, 11-15; 15-17. Mixed doubles: C Rees and Miss S Doody bt P Ferguson and H Lane, 15-10, 8-15, 15-12.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Montreal Canadiens 6, Hartford Whalers 3; Pittsburgh Penguins 6, Washington Capitals 4; Buffalo Sabres 6, Quebec Nordiques 2; Edmonton Oilers 4, Vancouver Canucks 2.

ICE SKATING

BELGRADE: World junior championships: Pairs (final positions): 1, E Chernikova and D Sukhanov (USSR), 1.5pts; 2, A Caspari and M Kreft (EG), 3.5; 3, I Saitodinova and A Tikhonov (USSR), 4.0. British placing: 8, C Barker and M Aldred, 12.0. Men (after short programme): 1, V Zagorodniyuk (USSR), 1.0; 2, S Clark (US), 2.0; 3, M Kojijama (Japan), 5.0.

SQUASH RACKETS

MUSCAT: Al Falaj world grand prix tournament: Semi-finals: Jansher Khan (Pak) bt R Norman (NZ), 9-5, 9-2, 9-0; Jahangir Khan (Pak) bt C Dittmer (Aus), 9-7, 3-9, 9-5, 9-4.

TENNIS

ADELAIDE: Southern Cross classic: Women's singles: Quarter-finals: J Novotna (Czechoslovakia) bt T Shriver-Lovejoy (Denmark), 1-6, 6-0, 6-3; R Zrubakova (Czechoslovakia) bt R McQuillan (Australia), 6-3, 6-2; M Strandlund (Sweden) bt C Lindqvist (Sweden), 4-6, 6-4, 6-2; J Pospisilova (Czechoslovakia) bt D Balestrat (Australia), 6-1, 4-6, 6-1.
TACHIKAWA: Japan Dunlop Masters tournament: Second round (Japan unless stated): 2 Ali (India) bt T Falosi, 6-1, 6-4; J Canter (US) bt S Tessuno, 6-3, 6-0; B Dante (NZ) bt K Maruyama, 6-1, 7-5; M Allen (US) bt S Shiraishi, 6-1, 6-2; A Eagle (US) bt J Maruyama, 6-1, 6-4.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Boston Celtics 133, New Jersey Nets 100; Detroit Pistons 114, Indiana Pacers 111; San Antonio Spurs 105, Miami Heat 101; Philadelphia 76ers 114, Portland Trail Blazers 108; Houston Rockets 101, Dallas Mavericks 99; Utah Jazz 107, Chicago Bulls 93; New York Knicks 135, Los Angeles Clippers 128 (OT); Los Angeles Lakers 110, Seattle SuperSonics 106.

BOXING

CHIAVARI, Italy: European lightweight championship: Policarpo Diaz (Sp) ko Luca Delorenzi (It), 5th round.

CYCLING

ZURICH: Six-day race: Third day: 1, D Gieger and J Mueller (Switz) 20pts. 2, at 1 lap: Z A Baffi and P Bincoletto (It), 60; 3, U Freuler (Switz) and R Hermann (Liech), 50; 4, V Diehl and R Guenther (WG), 20; 5, D Clark (Aus) and A Doyle (GB), 12.

ETON FIVES

HIGHGATE: Adams Cup: Semi-finals: B Matthews and R Chattergee bt A Kong and T Brooks, 2-0; A Shaleon and A Carrier lost to E Alton and L Martin, 2-1. Final: Matthews and Chattergee bt Alton and Martin, 2-0. Wood Plate: Finals: Kong and Brooks bt Shaleon and Carrier, 2-0.

FOOTBALL

OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Norwich v Arsenal — postponed.
ARGENTINIAN LEAGUE: San Lorenzo 5, San Martin 1; Boca Juniors 2, Racing Cordoba 1; Platense 1, Ferro Carril Oeste 1 (7-6 on penalties); Independiente 1, Instituto 1 (4-3); Estudiantes 2, Newells Old Boys 0; Gimnasia y Esgrima 1, Rosario Central 0; Armanio 0, Mandiyu D (4-2); Argentinos Juniors 3, River Plate 2; Deportivo Espanol 2, Velez Sarsfield 2 (5-3); Racing Club 1, Talleres 0.
PORTUGUESE LEAGUE: Chaves 2, Porto 0; Sporting 2, Maritimo 2; Setubal 2, Belenenses 1; Penafiel 1, Portimonense 0; Rafe 2, Beira Mar 1; Amadora 1, Farense 0; Espinho 1, Guimaraes 2; Boavista 2, Viseu 0; Braga 1, Lesoes 0; Nacional 0, Benfica 1.

ATHLETICS

Nebiolo under scrutiny by Roman judge

Rome — A Rome magistrate has officially opened an investigation into the Italian Athletics Federation (Fidal), and on Wednesday he interrogated the federation's president, Primo Nebiolo, and the federation general secretary, Luciano Barra (Paul Bompard writes). Both have been officially notified that they are under investigation for suspected malpractice in assigning a contract to the Insport company without the proper procedure.

At the end of 1979, Fidal awarded Insport an eight-year contract to manage its advertising and promotional campaigns. There are two versions of the minutes of the meeting at which the contract was assigned.

Magistrates decided to open an inquiry after Giuliano Tosi, vice-president of Fidal, showed them a copy of the minutes of the November 25, 1979, meeting in which the contract is not mentioned.

The general feeling in Rome, however, is that the whole affair is merely one episode of an ongoing power struggle among rival factions within Fidal and its parent body, the Italian Olympic Committee.

SKIING

Frost bites for Figini

From Iain Macleod, Val d'Isère

Snow, the gold dust of the Alps, has still to materialize here in the quantity which will offer peace of mind to the organizers of the two World Cup downhill races this weekend.

The men's event, on Sunday, is still in doubt, and Val d'Isère may have to content itself with the women's race, which seems certain to take place today.

Conditions yesterday showed some improvement and the women were able to have two training runs, during which they experienced only minor problems. A sharp frost overnight hardened the course and most of the skiers were in a happier frame of mind than had been evident 24 hours earlier.

Once again, the placings in the two runs threw up an intriguing notion: that a new generation of skiers is threatening to break into the top flight, or that the conditions, still less than perfect, constitute a serious disadvantage for the seeded skiers.

There is probably a measure of truth in both. But the champion Michela Figini, of Switzerland, showed no sign of easing up; she was fastest on the second run.

That she did not finish the first run was not her fault. Elisabeth Kirchler, of Austria, who had gone before her, fell and as Figini prepared to depart a late attempt to stop her was in vain. She was forced to abandon the run halfway down.

Figini said that there was little snow on the top part of the course. "It is good for skiing and the surface is now much harder." Carole Merle, of France, who was placed third and sixth, agreed. "It is harder and more difficult to grip the skis," she said.

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Football failing to report drug test

By John Goodbody

Colin Moynihan, the Minister for Sport, has written to the Football Association asking why the cases of the professional players who have recorded positive drug tests have not been reported to the Sports Council.

The FA said last month that there had been a number of incidents, which it described as "fewer than a handful, less than five" when players had taken ephedrine.

The FA, which has been carrying out drug testing since 1979, was satisfied that in all cases the drug was part of medicaments. Ephedrine is a common decongestent component in many cold remedies.

Moynihan, who yesterday toured the Drug Control Centre at King's College, London University, told Graham Kelly, the secretary-designate, in his letter: "It is the central feature of the new drug testing regime set up in April that all the findings of banned drugs, in accordance with the International Olympic Committee procedures, should be reported to the Sports Council review panel."

The requirement applies even when the governing body is satisfied that the finding arises from the therapeutic use of the drug.

I understand that the review panel has received no report of ephedrine in samples collected as part of the controls in football. This could undermine public confidence in the effectiveness of the control.

The FA last night rejected suggestions by Moynihan that they were ignoring positive drug tests on players. Kelly said: "Football is clean. We have nothing to hide."

Although the FA pays for its testing in League and Cup matches, because they are professional events, it is using facilities at King's College which are funded by taxpayers' money.

The use of ephedrine is banned by both of football's international governing bodies, FIFA and UEFA, and the Scottish FA has adopted a different attitude.

It has strictly followed UEFA's list of banned drugs. A spokesman said: "UEFA has ephedrine as a banned drug and as we are members of it we are subject to that list." He said that England can afford not to follow the list because its clubs are not involved in European competitions.

Many medical officials would like a definite level to be established for ephedrine, as is done with caffeine. If a similar approach was adopted by the IOC and the Sports Council then individuals could use medicaments for colds without risking controversy.

Vintage claret to whet the palate for connoisseurs

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent

The most attractive tie in the quarter-finals of the Littlewoods Cup will be dressed in claret. When it is draped in the traditional colours of West Ham United and Aston Villa in some six weeks, Upton Park promises to stage another night as rich in colour as vintage wine.

As was illustrated in their own respective homes in midweek, the two sides are committed to attack whenever they step on to the path to Wembley. On Wednesday they raised their collective total of goals in the competition so far to 30 in a mere eight ties.

Although West Ham's contribution was smaller (four on the night compared to Villa's six), their achievement was bigger. Not for 49 years had Liverpool, who were considered the favourites to collect the trophy for the fifth time this decade, been beaten so comprehensively in a domestic cup competition.

The prospect of challenging Liverpool invariably inspires their opponents. Everyone at Anfield two months ago, for example, will remember the heights that Arsenal scaled in the opening third round tie.

Fifth round draw

Luton v Southampton
West Ham v Aston Villa
Leicester or Nottingham Forest v QPR or Wimbledon
Bradford or Everton v Bristol City
Ties to be played week beginning January 16

The League champions were outplayed, in spite of being held 1-1.

Whereas the standards Liverpool once set were beyond the reach of their rivals, they are being surpassed, if only momentarily. West Ham's captain, Martin, feels that the belief which was poured into his colleagues during their stunning victory will seep into their performances in the first division.

If so, it is inconceivable that they will remain nineteenth, a position which seemed to be absurdly false. Yet they must again assume the characteristics of their soubriquets, "iron" and "hammer", in the local East End derby at Millwall tomorrow if they are to maintain their progress.

McInally, for one, will trust that West Ham's fires are doused. Before destroying Ipswich Town (he claimed two goals and Platt the other four), Villa's leading scorer could see himself appearing in the final on April 9. Had he been at Upton Park, his vision would have been severely blurred.

Luton Town, the unexpected conquerors of Arsenal at Wembley eight months ago, have again been offered the distinct advantage of playing on their wall-to-wall carpet. Having slithered through the muddied waters to knock out Tottenham Hotspur, Southampton would prefer to be on dry land which was not so unnaturally firm.

Yet the holders should beware. Southampton, with the three diminutive Wallace brothers in their line-up, might have been designed to perform on a surface which demands deft touches, sure footing and speed on the turn. Such assets were not only evident but necessary at the Dell last Tuesday.

The other clubs in yesterday's draw will all be able to spy on their prospective opposition. Queen's Park Rangers and Wimbledon can study Nottingham Forest and Leicester City in Tuesday week's replay, for instance, before meeting each other the following day. Bristol City, the third division's lone survivors, can plot the downfall of either Everton or Bradford City.

Car ban for Gascoigne

Paul Gascoigne, the Tottenham Hotspur and England player, was banned from driving for six months and fined £75 by Gateshead magistrates yesterday after he admitted speeding.

He drove a Volkswagen Jetta loaned to him by a sponsor at 97.7 m.p.h. on the A69 at Gateshead, Tyne and Wear, in May, shortly before his £2 million transfer from Newcastle United. He incurred the ban after being told he had 10 penalty points on his licence for past offences.

Gascoigne, who now lives in Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire, told the court losing his licence would cause him "great hardship".

Ferguson post

Mick Ferguson, the former Everton, Coventry, Birmingham and Brighton forward, has been appointed football community supervisor with Sunderland. Ferguson, who was born in Newcastle upon Tyne, will take up his position next week under a scheme organised by the Professional Footballers' Association and the Football Trust.

Villa enjoy home comforts

By Louise Taylor

The Littlewoods Cup is proving a happy hunting ground for **Aston Villa** this season. After scoring seven goals against **Birmingham** and removing **Millwall** with three in earlier rounds they overwhelmed **Ipswich Town** 6-2 in the fourth round at Villa Park on Wednesday night. Platt was responsible for four goals and McInally the other two as Villa took a large step towards overcoming their complex about winning at home.

Such prolific returns from his forwards will have won Graham Taylor, the Aston Villa manager, and a leading contender to succeed Bobby Robson in the England post, a few more friends at Lancaster Gate. However, Brian Clough, a less likely candidate for the job as national manager, had to be content with a goalless draw at **Leicester City**, managed by David Pleat, who 18 months ago would have ranked right up alongside Taylor in the England betting.

Filbert Street's largest crowd for five years, 26,704, saw Clough's **Nottingham Forest** reduced to 10 men when Pearce was sent off a minute into the second half following a reckless tackle on Reid.

Leicester failed to capitalize on their numerical advantage and the match finished goalless. However, Jimmy Quinn, the Leicester forward, refuses to believe that his team faces an uphill task in the replay at Nottingham on Tuesday, December 13.

"We don't feel we have missed our chance — sometimes it is harder against 10 men. Our pitch did not help us, either, but they have a lovely surface up there and we are still in there fighting," he said.

Ironically the rematch will once again involve Webb, of Forest, playing opposite McAllister, of Leicester, who is widely rumoured as Webb's likely replacement should the England international leave the City Ground.

"I think Gary is a very good player who would grace the first division but whether he replaces me at Forest is another matter," Webb said.

The scoreline was also goalless at Loftus Road so **Queen's Park Rangers** and **Wimbledon** will meet again at Plough Lane next Wednesday.



Power packed: Boris Becker on his way to an emphatic victory over Mats Wilander in the round-robin stage of the Masters tournament at Madison Square Garden. Report, page 42

Storming finish takes title

Martine Le Moignan, the world No. 2, confirmed her ranking at Bristol last night by taking the InterCity national women's squash rackets title by beating Alison Cummings by 9-3, 6-9, 4-9, 9-4, 9-0 in 46 minutes (Colin McQuillan writes).

It was a convincing and confident performance from the tall, elegant Guernsey-born player, now based in Germany, who has sometimes in the past lost from apparently impregnable positions because of nervousness.

This time she played with imperious strength and balance for much of the match. After a brief loss of confidence in the middle part of the contest she stormed through the final game in three hands.

She has attained national superiority not only over Cummings but also Lisa Opie, the top-seeded 1987 champion.

Whitaker hints at staying as coach

By Sydney Friskin

The question of who will coach Great Britain for the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona has been on everyone's mind since David Whitaker relinquished the post after the gold medal triumph in Seoul. Whitaker, however, opened new possibilities concerning this appointment on Wednesday night at Luton.

After the British team had lost 1-0 to a European side in a match billed as the Minet Olympic salute, he said: "Great Britain should not make a decision about the coach for 1992 until after the 1990 World Cup in Lahore. After that, if they still want me, they will have to ask my employers, the Hockey Association, and it will be purely up to them to release me."

Whitaker, director of coaching to the HA, the controlling body for the game in England, was on loan to the Great Britain hockey board over the past eight years, during which he coached the team to its bronze medal at Los Angeles in 1984 and the gold in Seoul.

The association yesterday announced that Bernie Cotton will perform the dual role of manager of the England outdoor and indoor teams leading up to the World Cup. In the winter indoor programme, he will be helped by Ian McIntosh, as assistant manager, and by Richard Clark, as indoor coach.

● KP Foods, the Twickenham-based snack manufacturers, yesterday announced a three-year sponsorship package worth £25,000 with the Hounslow. The agreement not only provides for the club but also marks a drive to encourage young people into the sport.

END COLUMN

Crossed from the right wing

By Nicholas Wood
Political Correspondent

Sir Rhodes Boyson, aged 63, the former minister, scourge of permissiveness, and still probably the nation's best-known ex-headmaster, makes an unlikely Conservative rebel, but that is the way he is moving over the Government's proposals for compulsory identity cards for football supporters.

As *The Times* disclosed yesterday, Sir Rhodes is making common cause with Tory backbenchers from the left of the party in opposing a measure that stems directly from the Prime Minister's abhorrence of football hooliganism.

It is the kind of measure that Sir Rhodes, a supporter of both corporal and capital punishment, would be expected to endorse. The fact that he does not will be giving ministers and Government whips cause for concern. Yesterday, Sir Rhodes gave a further insight into his reasons for rocking the boat.

First, unlike most Labour opponents of the scheme, he believes everyone should carry an identification card, principally to help the police in tackling what he regards as the breakdown in law and order. To that end, the bearer's fingerprints and thumbprints should be appended. He also believes such a card should give details of, say, blood group and organ donor status to help hospitals. "I know people say it's fascist, but they have them in Israel



Sir Rhodes Boyson: opposed

and a lot of European countries," he said. "Why shouldn't we?"

However, he says, if ID cards are restricted to football supporters as the main weapon in the battle against hooliganism, the very notion of cards for all will be brought into disrepute. "If we do it for football hooligans, we are making it a punishment, not an honour, which it should be," he said. "I'd be proud to carry a card saying this is Sir Rhodes Boyson and so would a lot of people. It will destroy the whole idea."

Second, he believes that the compulsory computer-readable card scheme represents a piecemeal and hasty reaction to the underlying problem of violent and serious crime throughout society. He said: "The card scheme is just a vague gesture when we should be sorting out the big problems by bringing back capital punishment."

Third, he sees no reason why he and millions of other law-abiding citizens should not be able to go to a football match whenever it takes their fancy. Fourth, he agrees with many Labour MPs who argue that entry checks will cause delays outside grounds and risk even worse disorder. Fifth, he believes that football clubs are merely the stage for hooliganism, not its cause.

Labour, for its part, has grave civil-liberties objections to the scheme, and Denis Howell, the Shadow Minister for Sport, shares Sir Rhodes's suspicions of the card-checking system. "It is unworkable and impractical because the technology is not there. The technology is susceptible both to sabotage and error," Howell told a meeting of the London branch of the Football Supporters' Association last night.

Howell added that it was unfair that the financial burden should be borne by "99.997 per cent of football supporters who are utterly law abiding".

It's a heady brew, made worse by the fact that some Tories are already saying that because the Bill, to be published shortly, has little ideological significance, it offers a rallying point for a rebellion.

Colin Moynihan, the Minister for Sport, and Mrs Thatcher will hoping it does not become a poisoned cup.

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Off-road endurance drivers get stuck into the heavy going

Trials for a place in the British team for off-road driving's toughest test, the Camel Trophy attempt to cross part of the Amazon basin, had 21 men and three women sliding through the mud on Hawley Common, Surrey, yesterday (Jeremy Hart writes).

The weekend of endurance tests will see the 24 oozing through mire up to their sides, carrying tree trunks to build makeshift bridges, and completing a 10-mile orienteering course.

A final selection course will be held in the Canary Islands in February to choose the two people to be sent to Brazil.

Bob and Joe Ives are Camel Trophy veterans, but neither of the brothers has been selected for the British team.

They have seen all the torture before. Bob has been short-listed three times in the past four years and Joe has twice been on the verge of being selected.

Joe is one of the best Land-Rover drivers in the country and he is as determined as ever to take part.

"You have got to think that you'll make it," he said. "But I wouldn't say I'm over-confident this year. The fact we have got so close before means that you're bound to be disappointed. But I would enter again next year, in fact until I make it."

The competition is tougher than ever this year, especially from the three women. Alongside Joe as he supervised a bridge-building task was Caroline Moorat, a teacher from London. "I knew I'd have to drive this weekend," she said. "But I've never built a bridge before."



SPORT IN BRIEF

McEnroe shunned

John McEnroe is to lose his £550,000 tennis racket sponsorship with Dunlop. The company, which has been associated with McEnroe since 1981, has declined to renew his contract because it believes he is no longer a marketable investment. Brian Jenkins, managing director of Dunlop Europe, said yesterday: "It was a commercial decision

FA warning

Dean Martin, the Halifax Town midfield player, was warned about his future conduct after being handed a four match suspension by the FA disciplinary committee yesterday.

Japan bound

Andy Bristow, the Brighton runner, who competed in the world cross-country championships, leads the Great Britain team in the Ekiden International road relay in Japan on December 18.

In demand

Herzogenaurach, West Germany (AFP) — The contract under which the Soviet Union's major national federations are supplied with sports equipment by the manufacturer Adidas, has been renewed until 1992.

Ngugi enters

John Ngugi, of Kenya, the triple world champion, will compete in the Miller-Lite IAC International cross-country race at Cardiff Castle on December 17.

Sorrell chosen

Bristol have recalled David Sorrell, aged 33, from local football to play at stand-off half against Newport in the rugby union match at the Memorial Ground tomorrow.

Right formula

Formula Renault, the low-cost French motor racing series, will be seen in Britain for the first time next summer. A series of 10 races will carry £30,000 in prize-money.